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Damien Demolder
Editor

I'd like to wish all of our readers a very happy birthday. This week, as if you didn't know, the AP reader is 125 years

old. Reaching such an age is quite an achievement and definitely something worth celebrating. It's no coincidence that this week is also the 125th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of AP, but as it is the readership that has kept the magazine running every week for the last 6,500 weeks, it is you we need to spoil. So we have some nice gifts for you and we've put together a special issue to celebrate the special relationship we have shared for so long. You have played a crucial role in every issue of this magazine, with your letters, views, questions and pictures, and in this issue we're looking back over some of the most memorable times we've worked together to make the most of this fantastic shared hobby of ours.

Looking back, we've disagreed frequently, but we've rarely fallen out, and we've stayed as loyal to each other as childhood friends. We've grown together and enjoyed the journey; learnt from each other and become wiser, better photographers. Thank you for your friendship, your society and your company over the years. Here's to many more to come.

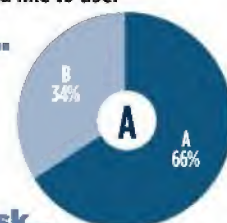
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In AP 26 September we asked...
Price and image quality aside, is the Leica M9 the sort of camera you would like to use?

You answered...

A Yes 66%

B No 34%



This week we ask...

If digital cameras disappeared for the day, which other type would you like to try?

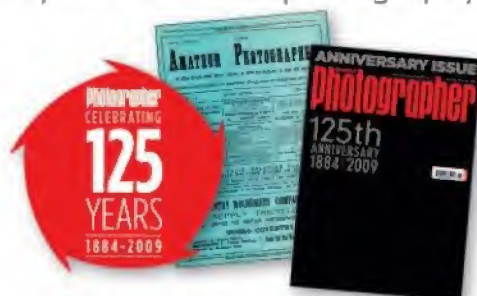
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Famous billionaire plans to 'zap' the paps | Camera imaging sensors targetted Photographer 'laser shield' exposed: is it legal?

ATTEMPTS by celebrities to thwart paparazzi using 'laser shields' could give photographers grounds for legal action, a leading media lawyer warns.

A report in the *Sunday Times* on 20 September stated that Roman Abramovich, the Russian oligarch, has installed an 'anti-paparazzi shield' on his largest yacht.

The report added: 'Infrared lasers detect the electronic light sensors in nearby cameras, known as charge-coupled devices. When the system detects such a device, it fires a focused beam of light at the camera, disrupting its ability to record a digital image.'

'The beams can also be activated manually by security guards if they spot a photographer loitering.'

However, asked whether such action is legal, Rupert Grey, a lawyer at London-based Swan Turton, told AP: 'This sounds more like James Bond than the real world.'

'But assuming the Russian oligarch referred to has such a device, he would be well advised to take a look at the Torts Interference with Goods Act 1977 before



he turns it on the British paparazzi: intermeddling with goods belonging to someone else, or altering their condition, is a trespass to goods and will entitle the photographer to claim compensation without having to prove loss – not that he/she will get much in the way of compensation unless they do [prove loss].'

Grey added: 'If I was advising the said celeb I would plead lawful justification – that is, invasion of privacy – which would raise the stakes a bit. I would also be worried that lasers cause

collateral damage, both to the camera and/or the claimant's health.'

Jonathan Coad – also a solicitor at Swan Turton – added that if Abramovich, or his partner, are in a place regarded as 'enjoying a reasonable expectation of privacy', then they should be protected under the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) Code of Practice.

But he added: 'The difficulty is the status of the super yacht. Clearly it is private in the sense that you only get on it if invited. The

problem is that the press will say there are no private places on the ocean, as anyone can see you if you are on the deck.'

'So far as I know it has not been tested, but if you use as an analogy [model] Elle McPherson's successful complaint about photos on a private beach, I think a complaint about a shot from a yacht should succeed.'

However, added Coad, it is possible that the PCC, which is self-regulated, may rule in the photographer's favour anyway, spelling good news for the paparazzi.

SNAP SHOT

Lens launch

Korean lens maker Samyang has unveiled a 14mm f/2.8 IF ED MC Aspherical optic designed to be used on digital SLRs with a full-frame or an APS-C-sized imaging sensor. The 14-elements-in-12-groups lens includes two ED and two aspherical lenses and is due to be launched in November in Canon, Nikon, Sony and Pentax mounts. There is, as yet, no word on UK pricing or an availability date. Visit www.samyang.pl.

Cash back

Canon customers can claim cash back on purchases of the EOS 450D and 500D digital SLRs before 31 October. Canon is giving customers £50 back on its EOS 450D and £65 on the EOS 500D. Claim forms must be posted to the address on the form, along with proof of purchase. Terms and conditions, plus a claim form, can be downloaded at www.canon.co.uk/futurephotocashback.

Magnum bags

Magnum says it has redesigned its AW series camera bags to be more durable and suitable for today's professional DSLR kit. The series includes a removable accessory pocket, a 'rain-flap lid' and a water-resistant base. They come in three sizes: the Magnum 200 AW, the 400 AW and 650 AW. The 650 AW, for example, is designed to hold up to two professional DSLRs with eight to ten lenses. UK prices were not available. Visit www.lowepro.co.uk. Tel: 0870 420 4211.

Jessops saved in £34m bank deal

THOUSANDS of Jessops jobs have been saved in a deal that means the troubled photo retailer's main operating company will be sold to a new firm, 47% of which will be owned by HSBC.

The agreement, effective from 29 September, means that HSBC will 'forgive £34m of debt' owed by Jessops.

Jessops said the restructuring will protect '2,000 jobs directly, as well as others in the supply chain'.

Chairman David Adams added: 'After many months of hard work, we have been

able to secure a long term future for Jessops Group Limited.'

Adams said the restructuring proposal will ensure Jessops remains a 'fundamentally strong' business with a strong high street presence.

It will also protect thousands of jobs and ensure

that our customers continue to receive the specialist service they expect from us.'

The new company, Snap Equity Limited, will be 47% owned by HSBC, 33% by the Trustees of The Jessops Group Limited Pension and Life Assurance Scheme, and 20% owned by an Employee Benefit Trust.

PhotoDiary

A week of photographic opportunity

WEDNESDAY

7 OCTOBER

EXHIBITION The People of the Forest: 20 Years of Images from the Rainforest Foundation, until 18 October at Proud Camden, London NW1 8AH. Tel: 0207 482 3867. Visit www.proudcamden.com. **DON'T MISS** Red Squirrel Walk (11.30am-12.30pm) at Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, Dorset. Tel: 01202 707 744. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk.



THURSDAY

8 OCTOBER

DON'T MISS Fungi Photography (10am-noon) at Clumber Park (South of Worksop), Notts. Tel: 01909 476 592. www.nationaltrust.org.uk. **DON'T MISS** Country Walk (11am-1pm) at Ightham Mote, Kent TN15 0NT. Tel: 01732 811 145. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

FRIDAY

9 OCTOBER

EXHIBITION Polaroid: Expo.09.10.09 photographers mark the final 'use by' date on the last batch of Polaroid film. Runs until 28 November at Atlas Gallery, London W1U 7NF. Tel: 0207 224 4192. Visit www.atlasgallery.com. **EXHIBITION** A Celebration of British Wildlife, until 16 October at Hoopers Gallery, London EC1R 0AA. Visit www.hoopersgallery.co.uk.

SATURDAY

10 OCTOBER

EXHIBITION The East Anglians by Justin Partyka, until 13 December at Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ. Tel: 01603 593 199. Visit www.scva.ac.uk. **DON'T MISS** Photofair



(10am-6pm), as part of Photomonth (east London photography festival) at Spitalfields Traders Market, London E1 6AA. Tel: 0207 375 0441. Visit www.photomonth.org.

SUNDAY

11 OCTOBER

DON'T MISS World Conker Championships at New Lodge Fields, near Oundle, Northants. Tel: 01852 272 735. Visit www.worldconkerchampionships.com. **EXHIBITION** Byker Revisited by Finnish photographer Sirkka-Liisa Konttinen, until 31 October at Side Gallery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 3JE. Tel: 0191 232 2208. Visit www.amber-online.com.

MONDAY

12 OCTOBER

EXHIBITION Static to Silence by Rupert Nightingale, until 28 October at Printspace studio, London E2 7DL. Tel: 0207 739 1060. **EXHIBITION** Patti Smith photographs, until 1 November at Dimbola Lodge, Isle of Wight PO40 9QE. Tel: 01983 756 814. Visit www.dimbola.co.uk.

TUESDAY

13 OCTOBER

EXHIBITION Poetic Documents 1987-2008, photography by Stephen Burrows, until 10 November at Southwark Cathedral Refectory, London SE1 9DA. Tel: 07966 158 903. Visit www.stephenburrowsphotography.com.

News

Adobe releases Photoshop Elements 8

ADobe has released the latest version of Photoshop, Elements 8, which includes a new Auto-Analyser tool to help make it easier to find images.

Auto Analyser is designed to automatically tag images so that users can 'quickly find the most interesting and highest quality content'.

The software is understood to tag images on the basis of whether they are, for example, too light or too dark.

There is also a People Recognition mode to identify people in pictures and remember them, aimed at making it simpler to find their picture when needed.

A Photomerge@Exposure option aims to create a 'perfectly lit photo' by merging multiple shots of the same scene 'with or without flash'.

Borrowing technology from Photoshop CS4, Elements 8 includes a new Recompose mode, aimed at automatically resizing photos 'without distorting the most important parts'.

Photoshop Elements 8, available for Windows and Macintosh operating systems, costs around £76.

Adobe has also released Adobe Premiere Elements 8, imaging software aimed at photographers who

want to create movies with their images.

'It's become easier than ever to shoot video on the fly, but most people don't realise it's just as easy to take raw clips and turn them into a movie that will impress friends and family,' said Adobe spokesman Doug Mack.

'We want to take the intimidation factor out of video editing and empower users to get creative and personalise their videos.'

Adobe Premiere Elements 8 enables user to edit their

movies, apply 'professional-quality effects' and organise their videos and photos via a media management hub.

It includes a SmartFix function designed to enable automatic correction of 'shaky footage', for example.

Adobe Premiere Elements 8, for Windows and Mac operating systems, also costs around £76. For details visit www.adobe.com/uk.

Photoshop Elements 8 and Premiere Elements 8 are available in a bundle costing around £114.



Police detective condemns photo 'paranoia'



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A RETIRED senior policeman has called for an end to society's 'paranoia' surrounding paedophiles after he was banned from taking pictures of his grandson at a football match.

'One of my hobbies is photography so I took my

camera to take a few "action shots" of my grandson,' wrote retired detective chief superintendent Chris Stevenson in *The Times* on 15 September.

'Ten minutes later I was approached by the manager, who said: "Can I ask you not to take photographs; it's against regulations. You have to get permission in writing from every parent of every child."

Stevenson, whose

investigations helped lead to the arrest of Soham Murderer Ian Huntley, added: 'I looked at the pictures I had taken. They were of my grandson making saves as his team came under pressure.'

'I am sure he would have liked to look back on them in the future. Who knows, he may be England's goalkeeper at a future World Cup, although it is a remote chance.'

'I deleted the photographs.'



SNAP SHOT

'Regrettable'

A photographer who was stopped while taking pictures of locomotives at an oil depot during his summer holidays said he has since been told by police that the incident was 'regrettable'. Stephen White said that a 'senior officer' visited him on 18 September, telling him that they have 28 days to respond to his official complaint. White said the meeting lasted three and a half hours. A spokeswoman for Dyfed Powys Police told AP that it would be 'inappropriate' to comment further while their investigation into the complaint is ongoing.

21mm Zeiss

Carl Zeiss has announced an 'ultra-wideangle' EF-mount lens designed for use on Canon EOS film and digital SLRs. Touted as ideal for landscape and architectural photography, the Distagon T* 21mm f/2.8 ZE lens is due to go on sale this autumn price around €1,549. A UK price has yet to be announced.

Stoddart talk

If you are quick there is still time to catch renowned photojournalist Tom Stoddart delivering a lecture in London on 6 October. Stoddart will share images and experiences from his career. The event takes place at Conway Hall, South Place Ethical Society, London WC1R 4RL. Tickets cost £12 on the door (£10 if booked in advance). Tel: 0207 033 3878.

Camera snatched

Police temporarily seized a camera from a journalist covering a motorcycle protest in north Wales, according to 'Motorcycle News' (MCN). The publication claims that police grabbed the camera after officers realised they had been photographed. They later returned it but failed to explain the powers under which it had been seized, added MCN. The incident took place during an MCN-organised rally in Snowdonia on 13 September, protesting against 'anti-motorcycle police'.

PROJECTED images are back in vogue, claims Nikon, which has coined a new phrase, 'projectography', and published five rules on 'Photo Netiquette'.

'Crowding around a photo book or a camera screen isn't enough for most of us anymore when it comes to sharing photos – we want to instantly share our personal brand in a bigger way,' said Nikon UK's group marketing manager Jeremy Gilbert.

Photographer Martin Lister said: 'The camera screen is a scaled down version of a photographic album page – always something only to be looked at by small groups of people clustered intimately together. On the other hand, there is a tradition of the projected photograph – indeed, the projected image that is altogether spectacular

Is image projection back in vogue?

with its enlarged luminescent images available to larger groups of viewers.'

Nikon has conducted research that shows consumers want to 'seize control of their personal brand' and share their images 'quickly and more publicly'.

It shows that nearly half of Europeans (46.8%), and a third of British consumers (35.7%), post their images online.

Russians apparently take more pictures of themselves than any other nationality (34.2%). This compares to just 5.6% of Brits.

The research comes

just days after Nikon's new Coolpix S1000pj (pictured) – which includes a built-in projector – went on sale.

In a tie-up with etiquette experts Debretts, Nikon has also published a set of rules to follow when sharing images.

Nikon says it polled 12,259 consumers across Europe.

'Photo Netiquette'

- Don't post embarrassing pictures of other people without their permission
- Ensure that you are happy for the pictures you choose to be on the web for all to see
- Remember that your boss, family and friends may look at your pictures, so don't post any inappropriate images
- Don't endlessly post pictures of yourself – you'll come across as self-obsessed rather than interesting
- Think about the impact your photos will have on other people before you share or project them



Fresh film scanners from Plustek

A trio of new 35mm OpticFilm and transparency scanners from Plustek feature a maximum resolution of 7,200dpi.

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AP man witnesses armed terror stop



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ON 22 September I was jogging alongside the river in Vauxhall, south London, when I spotted three armed police surrounding a lone tourist.

The man – who appeared to be from eastern Europe and casually dressed – was equipped with nothing more than a camcorder.

I looked around to see what he could have photographed to trigger such an alert in this mainly residential area.

A large apartment complex, a bar and a bistro dominate

this section of the river, while the M16 building is at least 150 yards away and barely visible on the other side of Vauxhall Bridge.

I had finished my run and noted the time. It was around 7.40pm.

The police, carrying handguns in their holsters, were in full interrogation mode. One officer had hold of the man's camera and was browsing through the still images he had taken.

As if the tourist didn't already feel humiliated enough, it all took place within sight of a packed riverside pub.

The second policeman was filling out a form while the other officer quizzed the

man, relentlessly it seemed.

The tourist's English was not good and he struggled to answer the policeman's repeated questions: 'What did you take pictures of?'; 'Where are you staying?'; 'Where are you going next?'; 'Which airport did you arrive at?'

The tourist appeared shocked by the sudden intrusion into his evening stroll along the river. Fifteen minutes elapsed and the probing continued as I waited nearby, baffled by the length of time it took the officer to complete his police stop form.

It was after 8pm when the officers left the tourist to enjoy the rest of his holiday.

I approached the man

armed with nothing more than a business card and a compact camera with a flat battery. The tourist appeared equally drained of energy. I tried to reassure him that his experience was nothing unusual in the UK, where photographers are often stopped in public areas.

But the man seemed fearful and was clearly reluctant to talk further. Who can blame him? I wished him luck and hoped he hadn't been put off returning to the UK, like the two Austrian tourists who were stopped earlier this year after photographing a London bus.

Chris Cheesman,
news editor

Postcards comp pulls in punters

A PHOTOGRAPH of a toddler 'walking on air' has won this year's Postcards from the Park, a competition which attracted 1,000 more entries than last year.

Barbara Pendergast captured the winning image at Walton Gardens in Warrington, Cheshire. The picture also won the People at Play category.

AP's technical editor Angela Nicholson judged the competition alongside photographer Mike McCartney (brother of Sir Paul) and Tim Kerr from the Press Association.

'Judging this competition was enormous fun and the images made it clear to me just how important our parks are to us in the UK,' said Angela. 'The submissions were incredibly varied, but the standard was high and there was fierce debate amongst the judges.'

Mike added: 'Barbara's photo is just one



of many great shots that demonstrate the popular appeal of parks.'

The contest – in its third year – urged people across the UK to capture what they love most about parks in an 'imaginative way'.

Organised in partnership with parks charity GreenSpace, the contest had 2,700 entries.

BARBARA PENDERGAST



G-series firmware

Panasonic has updated the firmware for its Lumix DMC-G1 and DMC-GH1 cameras.

Firmware update v1.2 aims to improve AF performance for the subject in 'low contrast' and the 'stability of auto exposure' for Panasonic's recently released Leica 45mm f/2.8 Macro lens. Visit <http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/dsc/download/fts/index.html>

'Assault' decision

Actor Jude Law escaped charges following an alleged assault against a paparazzi photographer who dashed with the actor in London on 23 July. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said: 'A careful analysis of the specific evidence in this case, which included photographs and eye-witness statements, indicates that Mr Law had no intention to assault anyone.' The CPS added: 'While Mr Law accepted that he may have come into contact with someone whilst attempting to make his way to his car, it is highly likely that a court would decide his actions were reasonable given that his path was deliberately impeded by a crowd of photographers.'

Capello wins 'landmark' privacy ruling

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BRITISH newspapers have admitted they were wrong to publish holiday photographs showing England football manager Fabio Capello and his wife on a Spanish beach.

Capello had complained to the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) about the photos, published in the *News of the World* [on 20 September] and in the *Daily Mail* [the following Monday]. The PCC said it had resolved the dispute 'amicably'.

'Both newspapers accepted that internal procedures – warning of Mr Capello's concerns – had failed and that the pictures were published in error,' the PCC

said in a statement.

'They have apologised to the Capellos, given undertakings for the future, and – at the request of the Capellos – given substantial donations to the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.'

Capello and the Football Association had relayed their concerns about the presence of photographers during the holiday, by issuing a statement to newspaper editors – via the PCC – on 17 September.

Media commentator Roy Greenslade described the agreement as a 'landmark moment', demonstrating that the privacy clause in the PCC's Code of Practice is taken 'more seriously than ever before'.

Recently it emerged that attempts were made by celebrities to thwart paparazzi using 'laser shields' (page 5).

Photographer targeted by one of his subjects

A PHOTOGRAPHER attacked when he tried to stop a thief stealing prints from his studio recognised one of the gang from a 'portrait' he had taken.

Mark Morrall, 54, suffered a fracture to his face and a broken finger during the confrontation at his studio in East Meadway, Birmingham.

The man had calmly walked out with a '£49' print. Two

accomplices were waiting outside, one of whom the photographer recognised.

'I have photographed one of them as a family portrait,' he told AP.

On his way out of the premises Morrall heard one culprit shout: 'Mind the print!'

Since the attack a few weeks ago, Mr Morrall has installed CCTV cameras inside his studio.

ClubNews

AP's weekly round-up of club news from all over Britain

Bath Photographic Society

The society stages its annual exhibition from 20-24 October at Bath Central Library, The Podium, Northgate Street, Bath. It is open 9.30am-5.30pm. Admission free. Visit www.bathphotographicsociety.org.uk.

Swansea Camera Club

The club hosts a presentation by David Mason entitled *Urban Landscapes* (digital) on 12 October (7pm). Hugh Millsom MFIAP will deliver a talk on 26 October (7pm) on *Landscapes* (prints). The events take place at Dynevor Centre, Horton Street, Swansea SA1 3EU. Tel: 01792 368 240. Email h.harris30@ntlworld.com.

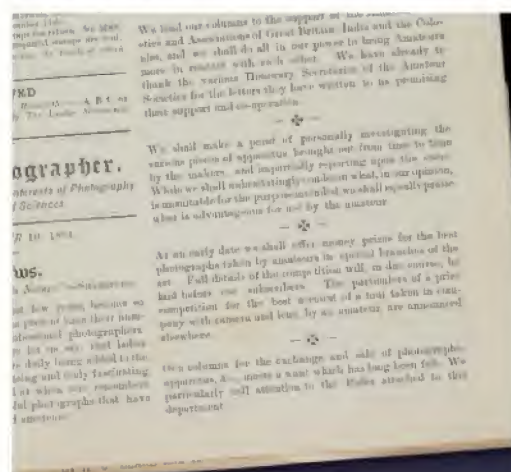
Banbury Camera Club

The annual exhibition of members' work will take place from 20-25 October at Chenderit Arts College, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, Oxon OX17 2QR. Visit www.banburycameraclub.org.uk.

Atherton, Leigh, Wigan and Wigan Ten camera clubs

The clubs are organising a print exhibition from 3-14 October at Turnpike Gallery, Civic Square, Leigh, Greater Manchester WN7 1EB. Open Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9.30am-3.30pm. Admission free. Tel: 01942 404 469.

Send club news to: apevents@ipcmedia.com



Amateur Photographer

This week in...

1884

On page 3 of AP's first issue, dated 10 October 1884, the journal made clear its intentions: 'We shall make a point of personally investigating the various pieces of equipment brought out from time to time by the makers, and impartially reporting upon the same. While we shall unhesitatingly condemn what, in our opinion, is unsuitable for the purpose intended, we shall equally praise what is advantageous for use by the amateur.' AP pledged to 'watch over' the interests of a rapidly increasing section of society. It stated: 'This journal is started to represent the amateur photographers of Great Britain, India and the Colonies... It will entertain, it will instruct; it will chronicle the doings of amateur photographers at home and abroad...'

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Review

Your guide to the latest photography books, exhibitions and websites



Book review

George Rodger

On The Road 1940-1949

Hatje Cantz, hardback, 159 pages, £22.99
ISBN 978-3-7757-2413-5

This latest collection from Magnum founder George Rodger chronicles what were some of the most pivotal years of his career. From 1940-1949, the peripatetic photojournalist followed the Second World War from the Blitz in London into the

unfettered concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen, the liberation of Western Europe and as far away as West Africa and Burma. After the war Rodger trekked an astounding 21,000 miles across the Middle East and Africa. Smaller than most photo books, there is equal emphasis on Rodger's writings. Essays on his travels and diary entries provide the perfect complement to the images. This is a book you can visit again and again. **Jeff Meyer**





Website

www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/

For those unfamiliar with the institution, the United States Library of Congress serves as the national library for the United States, and among its 650 miles of bookshelves and 142 million items are some 14 million images stored in its Prints & Photographs Division. The Library has been acquiring photographs since the early days of photography in the mid-1800s, and proving that it is still up-to-date with new technology, it is uploading its more popular historical collections to the photo-sharing website Flickr. Words aren't enough to describe the depth and magnificence of the National Library's collection, and it is well worth spending your lunch hour perusing its stunning anthology. In fact, if you have an account yourself, I recommend adding the Library as a contact and you'll get treated to its daily uploads when you log in. An hour on the Library's page is like travelling backward through time and is a lesson not only in how much our society has changed, but how our favourite hobby has evolved over the centuries. **Jeff Meyer**



The Wrayflex Story

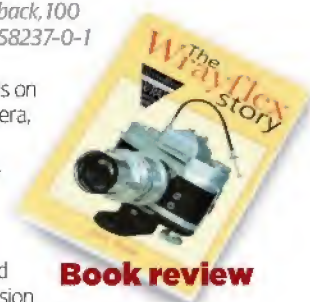
By John Wade

Wordpower Publishing, paperback, 100 pages, £11.95, ISBN 978-0-9558237-0-1

When John Wade got his hands on a rare Wrayflex prototype camera, it occurred to him that it didn't match any of the other models he'd ever seen. Showing his journalistic mettle, the former editor of *Photography* magazine did some digging and discovered that the original version of the Wrayflex, England's only major attempt at making a 35mm SLR, was never built and the inventor listed on its 1947 patent, Commander Maurice Studdert of the Royal Navy, most likely wasn't. What's more, the camera, which was manufactured in Bromley, Kent, was most likely first designed in Germany.

It all sounds rather like a Hollywood thriller and makes for a stimulating read. Backed by wonderful illustrations and archival photos of adverts and production lines, this is a must-read for anyone with an interest in the history of cameras.

Jeff Meyer



Book review



Book review

Paul Outerbridge

Command Performance

Getty Publications, hardback, 156 pages, £22.95, ISBN 978-0-89236-961-4

Although his reputation has faded from the public's awareness in the half century since his death, traces of Paul Outerbridge's early influence on colour photography remain in the covers of today's fashion magazines and advertising images.

Command Performance brings together 104 images from his different periods and styles, beginning with his early black & white nudes and still lifes from the 1920s, and moving into the colour portraits and product shots for advertisements he took in the late '20s after mastering the technically complex carbonyl colour process. By the 1930s we see Outerbridge pushing the envelope further with more abstract nudes and fetish shots.

While not every shot may hold your interest (such as the many knick-knacks he seemed to find interesting), the book nevertheless provides a fascinating insight into the development of an artist who was leaps and bounds ahead of his time and is still relevant today. **Jeff Meyer**



Letters

Share your views and opinions with fellow AP readers every week

Letter of the Week

Vision impaired

I noticed in Angela Nicholson's assessment of the Panasonic Lumix DMC-GF1 (AP 12 September) a comment to the effect that the upcoming Canon PowerShot G11 was to be equipped with 'lager photosites'. I'd be keen to know whether these use similar technology to beer goggles. **Jason Walker, Anglesey**



Miscalculation

You state in the *Adding it all up* section of the *Fotospeed Quill vs PernaJet Eco-flow* article in the home printing supplement (free with AP 19 September) that the ink-flow systems cost around 5p per millimetre of ink as opposed to up to £1 per millimetre for cartridges. However, c.£25 divided by 125ml works out as 20p per millimetre. While this still represents a good saving for the ink-flow systems at near to 1/5th the cost of cartridge printing, it is a fair way off the 1/20th of the cost that your article suggests.

James Dickinson, Merseyside

I used to be quite good at maths when I was at school and even managed to pass an A-level in it, but I made a basic error here. Mrs Evans, if you are reading this, I will try harder next term! – Angela Nicholson, technical editor

Quick off the mark

My congratulations to Angela Nicholson; her test was the first such review of the Panasonic Lumix DMC-GF1 that was available for a good read about the camera. She beat the internet, got her hands on a camera and gave it the works whilst the 'others' were playing about with previews and press statements and mere lists of specifications. I don't know how the camera will compete in the end, but she gave it a good beginning. Well done Angela, and well done *Amateur Photographer*.

Colin Snelson, North Yorkshire

Not bad for an old nmag, eh? – Damien Demolder, Editor

Feeling perky

It's nice to know that Jessops has brought in a new chief executive with a background in coffee retailing. It is comforting to know that I will be able to enjoy a cup while I wait for a delivery of the Canon CL18 inks that

Gatecrasher

I enjoyed Colin Varndell's article *Make the most of... late summer* in AP 12 September. In my recent wanderings through the blackberries, I also thought they would make a good picture. However, this cheeky little chap decided he wanted to be in the frame too! **Bob Williams, Devon**

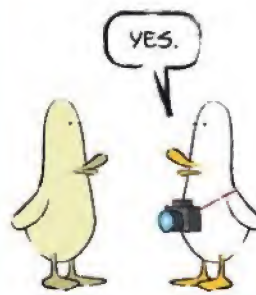
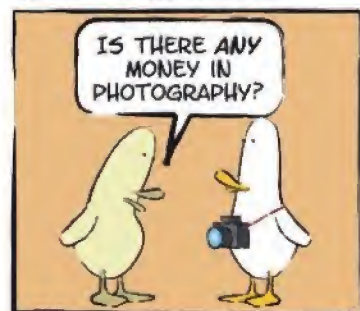
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are presently out of stock. I did buy the MP970 printer from the company, but running it is a stop/start process when you can't get the inks.

However, that is only one of the items I shall be waiting for with my drink. The others are the archival system clear pages for eight 6x4in prints to fit in Jessops' own ring binder. I've been waiting a year for more packs of these pages after having called into six Jessops branches, all of whom were out of stock. I'd also like to see and handle the new Pentax K7. Another coffee, please!

The best thing Jessops could do now is turn half the floor space of its stores over to coffee, with a few photographs in antique frames dotted around the walls depicting cameras and all sorts of other things that people used to be able to buy from its stores. Alas, the photos are but sepia memories, reminding us of times past, as we sip our coffee and wonder



what old Mr Jessop would have made of it
all. **D Pilkington,**
Greater Manchester

Driving me crazy

I often annoyed when yet another magazine or website describes a Micro Four Thirds camera as a hybrid – and AP is by no means immune to this. It is DSLRs, which are a cross between modern digital technology and last century's film technology.

Alan Broad, East Ayrshire

Not guilty. Samsung describes its NX as hybrid not the DSLR or compact – Damien Demolder, Editor



Out for a Picnik

Richard Sibley seemed to make hard work out of creating a cinematic style in *Last resort* in AP 19 September. Why not pop along to www.picnik.com? In just a couple of clicks you can easily create a cinematic style (see photo). A few more clicks and you can make many more super creations. **David James, Gwynedd**

Aye, but you can't beat doing it yourself – Damien Demolder, Editor



Back Chat

An informal photography group gave **Patricia Constable** her raison d'être for picking up her camera

I READ Patrick Dodds' Backchat column in AP 8 August, which considered the amateur photographer's raison d'être for picking up a camera, with keen interest. I have a suggestion to make: why not form your own photography group?

I also noticed that in Damien Demolder's leader in that same issue, he posed the question, 'Do you often need a bit of external stimulus to get your photography going?', to which 67% of respondents answered 'yes'. To those people that make up that 67%, I repeat my question: why not form your own photography group? It is a fantastic way to enjoy photography for its own sake, and it will improve your social life and photographic skills as well.

I am a member of an informal photography group that meets twice a month to discuss all aspects of photography. It was initially formed around three years ago by two people interested in photography, and who invited others to join them for the purpose of taking photographs and discussing the results. Although our group was started by word of mouth, we also advertised for like-minded people to join us and we now have ten members.

We use two venues. One is a small room in a local library that, as

“The group provides the raison d'être for taking more and better photographs because we are motivated by each other”

well as being free, allows us to display our work, which we change every few months. The other is the coffee bar of our university, which is conveniently situated in the centre of Plymouth. We tend to use this time together for discussion, socialising and planning. We also arrange several photography visits

each year within our area and are fortunate to be able to easily access coastal scenery, urban landscapes, the moorland and many heritage sites which provide us with a variety of themes. As several of us are readers of *Amateur Photographer*, we recently decided to set ourselves a new challenge. We have been taking a monthly theme set by the magazine – August's 'Master Macro' edition, for example – to give ourselves the task of trying out these techniques and comparing our results with your photographer and each other!

Unlike the more formal photography groups found in any big city, we do not hold formal competitions, our group has no joining fees, no fees for the hire of a hall and best of all, no committee. We are able to decide amongst ourselves what our priorities will be in the forthcoming months. We share transport as well as advice.

The group certainly provides the raison d'être for taking more and better photographs as we are motivated by each other. I hope other amateurs who are looking for a reason to use their cameras will be inspired to start their own group and get out and enjoy their photography.



Your thoughts or views (about 500 words) should be sent to 'Backchat' at the usual AP address (see page 3). A fee of £50 will be paid on publication

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Photo Insight

DAVID CLAPP EXPLAINS HOW HE USES LAB COLOUR SPACE TO ACHIEVE A TRUER RENDITION OF COLOUR

ONE of the most overlooked uses of photo-editing software and its myriad colour adjustments is the use of alternative colour spaces. Many photographers are more than aware of the terms sRGB and Adobe RGB buried within their in-camera menus and software, but most will admit they know little of any other. Although some colour modes are used more in the print room and photo lab, there is one overlooked colour space that is my personal secret weapon, and it's called LAB mode.

LAB stands for Lightness AB. Sounding like a scientific tangent far removed from the artistic world, this sidestep colour space has a large number of benefits. Unlike sRGB and Adobe RGB, which consist of red, green and blue channels, LAB mode moves the contrast onto its own channel (Lightness) and separates the colour onto two other channels (A and B). So what are the benefits? Well, let's start by looking at what happens to the colours.

The usual route for most of us is to begin with adjustments in raw software. As most of us now identify that raw files lack contrast straight out of the camera, one of the first things to do is to modify the Curves of the picture to add some tone. A gentle 'S' curve will deepen shadows and lift highlights, but here lies the problem. Curves adjustments in raw software also produce an increase in saturation, as the result directly affects the three colour channels as the contrast increases. If you convert the file to a TIFF and do further tonal adjustments in image-editing software, such as further tweaks of Curves and Levels, saturation increases yet again, all without touching the Saturation slider. With every contrast adjustment made, the colours are pulled and

The AP experts

Each week, one of our team of experts of Steve Bloom, David Clapp, Tom Mackie and Clive Nichols will reveal the secrets behind one of their great images. This week it's David Clapp

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pushed far away from the picture the camera actually recorded. Worst of all, some photographers then add extra saturation as the final polish. No wonder the internet is littered with garish examples of over-processing.

So how does LAB mode keep things closer to the truth? Well, you can alter the contrast of an image by working on a completely separate channel that does not affect the colours. The Lightness channel does not contain any colour information, so by working in this colour space and on this channel alone, a truer rendition of the scene can be delivered. Unlike sRGB and Adobe RGB, certain image adjustment functions in Photoshop become disabled, but most favoured ones can still be used. Adjustment layers also work: simply choose the Lightness channel before starting work and your colours will be preserved.

My use of LAB mode over the past two years, such as in this image I took at Bantham Beach in South Devon, has brought many questions to the foreground. The biggest is a question of trust. Unlike film photography, which surrenders to a chemical

colour space, accurate digital colour rendition is complex. There are so many ways to alter a picture, and we certainly like to tinker. On the one hand, camera manufacturers strive to ensure that their product provides the highest quality of realistic digital capture and colour rendition, yet on the other, as end users, we have little respect for this in our quest for artistic adoration. All those mediocre weekend sunsets, pushed past the limit, give ownership of the picture to the computer. Maybe we should start to trust what the camera captures a little more often and push ourselves instead of the sliders.

Sunsets of this intensity are rare. I might be lucky to see two or three every year, so I fought against time to take as many shots as possible before the sun faded. I wanted my final image to accurately portray the rarity and splendour of the spectacle I was seeing and provoke the same inspiration I felt when standing on

that beach in south Devon. With my Canon EOS-1Ds Mark III, I took one exposure at 1/60sec and another at 4secs. This was so I could capture both the highlights and the shadow detail towards the left side of the frame. Afterwards, I processed the picture in LAB mode, and hopefully the final version of this coastal scene demonstrates the raw ingredients without the taste going astray in the digital soup. It's the closest I can get to a witness statement. LAB makes pictures look very real indeed, sometimes a little too real, subtle and often plain, but ask yourself, is this exactly as it was? Is this yearning for intensity just conditioning, a saturated echo? Is it a legacy from film when post-processing was already in the can? Perhaps, or maybe it's time to add a little maturity to our quest for the sensational. **AP**

To see more pictures by **David Clapp** visit www.davidclapp.co.uk



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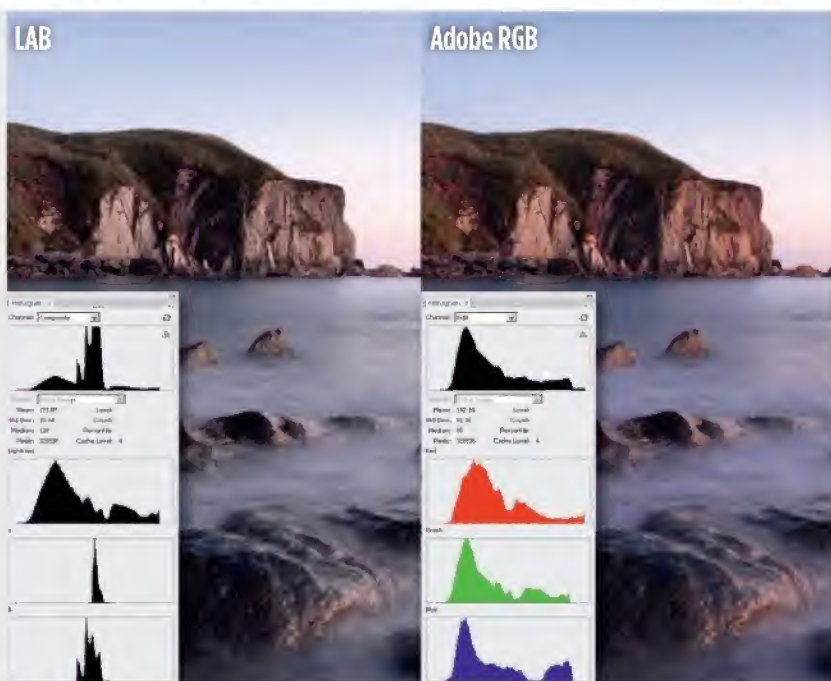
Look at these two images and compare the results when processed identically in LAB and Adobe RGB respectively. First, the raw file has had no adjustments. It was 'zeroed' in Lightroom so that no alteration was made automatically by the software, and then it was converted to a 16-bit TIFF in the Adobe RGB colour space. The image was opened in Photoshop CS4 and work began.

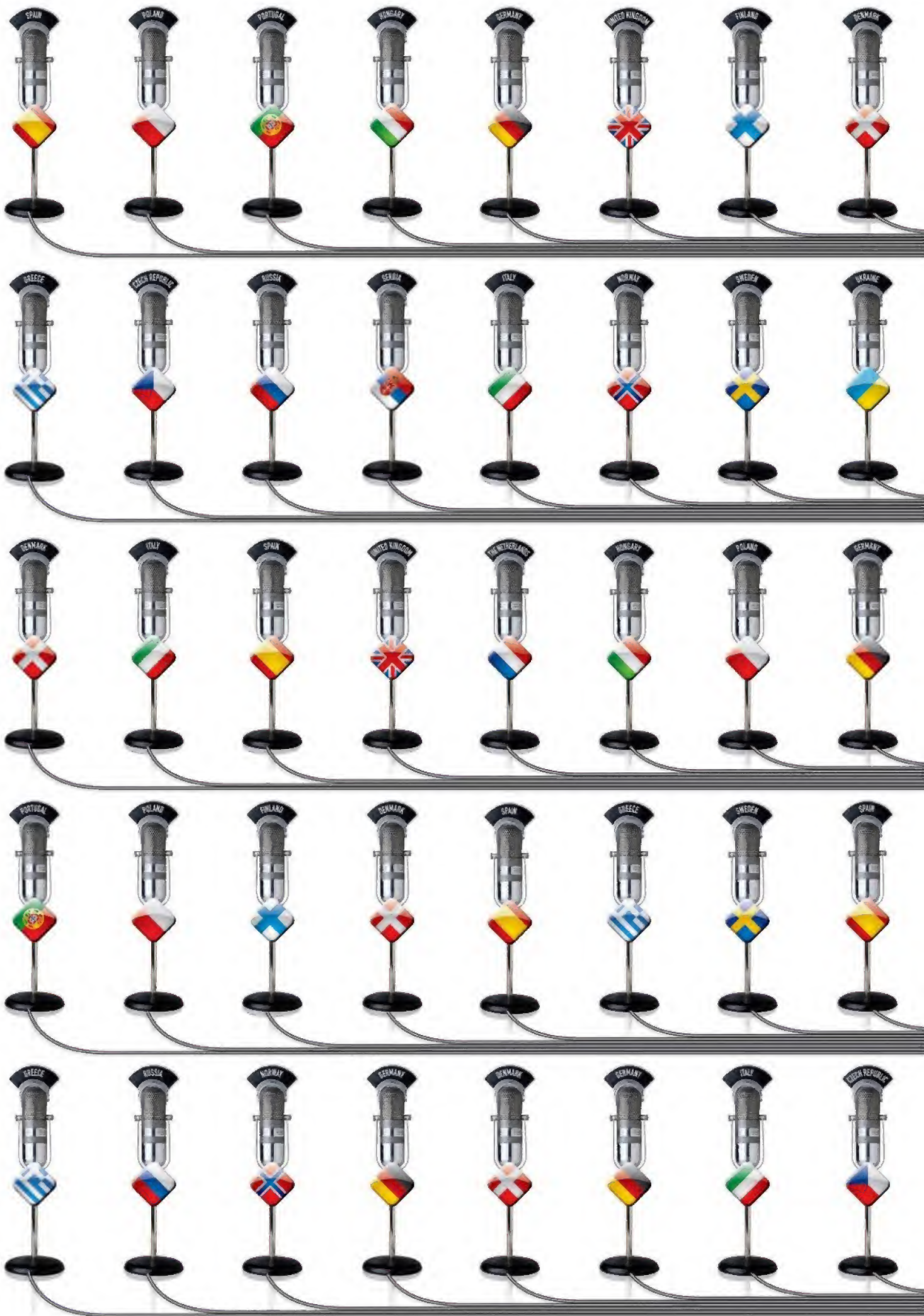
The first stage was to convert the file to LAB mode (Image>Mode>Lab Color). A Levels alteration was made to the Lightness channel. The black point and white point sliders were brought inwards to increase contrast.

A Curves adjustment was then made, again to the Lightness channel. This gentle 'S' shape lifted the midtones and highlights, while deepening the shadows.

This same processing was then applied to the image in Adobe RGB, but this time applying the alterations to the RGB composite channel (so it affects the Red, Green and Blue channels equally).

Just look at the difference. The Adobe RGB image now contains much more saturation, but the water has increased magenta. The cliff side has stronger reds and magentas, too, and all this without touching the saturation! When compared to the original conversion, the LAB image looks far more accurate – it was a fairly uneventful sunset – whereas the Adobe RGB image looks 'processed'. It is this misconception about contrast adjustments that makes photographers point the finger of blame. It's not a case of camera and software manufacturers filtering the truth, but rather a lack of understanding and software technique. Which picture is more appealing, though, is a different subject altogether.







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Love at first bite

In 2005, **Rebekka Gudleifsdóttir** bought her first DSLR and decided she wanted to be a photographer. In 2009, the self-taught Icelander is one of the web's most viewed photographers and epitomises the ambitions of most other amateurs. She tells **Jeff Meyer** about her journey and how to get your pictures noticed



This picture, titled 'Eve', was an early experiment that turned Rebekka into an overnight sensation when she posted it online

WHEN Rebekka Gudleifsdóttir signed up for an account with the online image-hosting service Flickr back in April 2005, she wasn't even all that interested in photography. The then-28-year-old art student knew the basics of how a camera worked, but her main interest was in drawing. Flickr simply allowed Rebekka a safe place to archive scans of her favourite sketches and show them to friends.

But then one day, just for fun, Rebekka decided to upload some frames she shot in a film photography course back in 2001. Right away she got feedback from fellow users. 'These encouraged me to start playing around more with photography,' she recalls, and with a Canon Digital IXUS compact camera, Rebekka began navigating through a prolific succession of portraits of her two children, macro shots of flowers, landscapes, even turning the camera around on herself. Little did she know that by the following summer her photographs would boast online views of more than six million and the Japanese car manufacturer Toyota would offer her a contract to shoot pictures for billboards advertising its new Prius. Rebekka's diligence and vivid imagination would make her an icon almost literally overnight. And when *The Wall Street Journal* heralded her as The Web's Top Photographer in its 'New Media Power List' in 2006, Rebekka came to epitomise what

it means to be an amateur photographer in the modern age.

'I became obsessed with the whole medium of photography straightaway,' she says. 'Before then I'd always thought of cameras simply as tools for storing memories, but when I finally played around with one I realised I could push it further beyond point and shoot. I could use it to create the types of images I saw in my head, but until then could only reproduce on paper.'

In May 2005, she bought her first DSLR, a Canon EOS 350D, and Rebekka spent the summer of that year experimenting and learning how to use it without even reading its manual. 'I don't have the patience for being taught,' she admits. 'I learn best by discovering the camera's functions on my own and figuring out different techniques, which I can then apply to the images in my head that I want to recreate. There was a lot that I hadn't learned using a film camera, so there was a lot of trial and error in the beginning.'

Rebekka's curriculum followed month-long periods of intense practice where she'd single out one camera function or photographic technique and repeat it with

Below: Rebekka collected the stones for this shot in midwinter, painted them blue, then waited until summer when she brought them back to the lake at 3am and artfully arranged them, along with herself, in the frigid water. After 12 tries she got a pose she was happy with and an image that she says is one of her 'absolute personal favourites'

different subjects until she mastered it. 'I had lots of ideas in the beginning but needed to learn how to create them with the camera. As you figure out little tricks, some are exciting for a month and then you get sick of it. But even as you tire of certain techniques, little by little you've collected a toolbox that you can rely on,' she explains. 'Eventually, you've done something enough times that the technique gets to be sort of a routine for you. You know that if you do this process you'll get this look. Then you can tweak it here and there so it's different, and use it to tell a story about a subject.'

Like Philippe Halsman, who's image 'Dali Atomicus' (see *Icons of photography*, AP 25 July) is one of her greatest inspirations as a photographer, Rebekka's ethos is that anything one can create in-camera, from directional lighting to painting props the colour you want them to appear, will look more natural than trying to create it afterwards on the computer. 'People assume I Photoshop things when I don't,' she says. 'I go through a painstaking process of using invisible thread and making backdrops and scenes. When it's surreal, I think it's fun to find out how I can solve that problem of recreating it in real life.'

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It was during an afternoon of practising freezing movements akin to Halsmann's image that Rebekka accidentally stumbled upon the picture that would initiate her enormous internet following. Rebekka was working on her hand-eye coordination and timing in the midst of an obsession with freezing objects in mid-air. In one hand she held her camera out in front of her, lens pointing at her face. With her other hand she tossed an apple into the air. As it fell she pressed the shutter. It was a simple process, but it took about 20 takes before she got the apple large and sharp in the foreground, and her face unobscured in the background. Later, she uploaded it to Flickr.

'Hundreds of people added me as a contact overnight,' she recalls. 'I was shocked. It seemed strange to be getting so much attention. When you get such an overwhelming response you feel this anxiety to recreate it, and the first thing I thought was that now all these people are following my photostream and expect me to put up something interesting each time. I didn't think I could live up to those expectations. Suddenly I felt like I could no longer upload snapshots or pictures of my family.'

Determined not to be a one-hit wonder, Rebekka considered how people use the web to view pictures and how she could use

this new medium to increase her exposure. Rather than uploading all the fruits of her experiments and imagination, Rebekka learned to restrict her uploads. She concentrated on one or two strong images at a time.

Rebekka believes a human element in pictures can draw the viewer in, and around this time she grew interested in telling stories through multiple exposures – predominantly self-portraits that illustrated different moods or the dimensions of her personality. The emphasis must always be on the subject's story, she insists, otherwise you're only showing people that you know how to make a multiple exposure.

In one of her favourite images of this time, Rebekka was playing around with the idea of something having happened before in the exact same way. First she put on a blue outfit and shot three frames of herself knitting. Then she stopped and printed out the last image in the segment and framed it. Next she put on a black dress and shot three more pictures of herself: holding the framed picture in the first frame, then hanging it on the wall. The last frame of the series shows Rebekka admiring the picture on the wall, seated next to herself as she appears in the framed picture.

Exploring her different moods in these

In this triptych Rebekka wanted to explore the idea of something having happened before in exactly the same way

Below left: Rebekka tries to tell a story in each picture, such as this dramatic multiple-exposure, which she counts among her favourites

early self-portraits ultimately led to some of them being suggestive, and Rebekka does not deny that this drew some of her early legions of fans. She says she soon realised that if she wanted to be taken seriously as a photographer, she didn't want to be getting attention for her looks. She needed to remove herself as the focal point of the image.

'I posted a lot of photos of myself that were clearly pictures of "me", taken in flattering ways that generated a lot of ego-boosting feedback about my appearance, but they weren't necessarily very great photos,' she says. 'To begin with it was fun, but I didn't want to gather a huge audience of people who just wanted to look at me.'

'So, while I continued to use myself as a model, the way in which I presented myself changed from

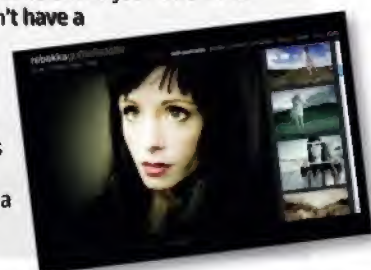
How to get noticed

Few people have had as much success from showing their pictures online as Rebekka has. Here she shares her strategy for getting your pictures noticed.

1. Engage with people: 'You can't just put your pictures online and leave them there. If you are using the web purposefully for finding an audience, that's what you need to do. When you're starting out it's vital that you connect with other photographers. Join groups and take part in discussions. Leave comments on other people's pictures. They will then likely go look at yours.'

2. Be selective: 'This is very important. There are a lot of people who put up ten versions of the same subject or will upload everything they have. You need to think about what you want to show. One or two high-quality images of your subject will stand out much more than ten. It helps you develop an identity.'

3. Reveal yourself: 'If I'm looking at someone's pictures on Flickr, the first thing I do is look for the photographer's face. If I can't find their picture, then I don't have the same patience to sink myself into what they're doing because I don't have a sense of who they are. I also use captions, or I try to write about what was going through my head at the time. There are millions of other photographers online, so you need to give a bit of yourself.'





Rebekka also likes to explore the interplay between humans and animals within a landscape

Below: 'I was out driving and saw this dead grass and trees, but I had no props. So I considered the backdrop, and realised it wouldn't work unless I took my clothes off,' Rebekka says. 'I thought no one would drive by. It was very cold and I had to shoot it several times. Finally, I left and looked through the pictures on my camera. None were quite right so I had to do it again.'

focusing on me as an individual, to me playing a role in the photo (often not showing my face) and placing emphasis on the interplay of "human with landscape". Choosing to obscure my face wasn't necessarily a conscious decision at the time, but in a way it works to create an image that people can more easily identify with, or project themselves into, because they can't really see who it is. I could be anyone. And that my landscapes now get

more views than my self-portraits gives me immense satisfaction.'

It is her landscapes that Rebekka says she is most proud of because of the physical and technical ability they require. The land is a canvas to her and allows for more vivid explorations of her surrealist fantasies. Salvador Dali's skewed vision has greatly shaped her photography, she says, and she tries to incorporate some sort of small, surreal element in all of her

images. 'If you can do it convincingly, they do not see it,' she says.

In her landscapes it is often the daylight that she recreates. Rebekka hates the flat, boring light of day, and the magical midnight sun of Icelandic summers offers her an atmospheric studio with which to work.

She doesn't believe in cutting and pasting skies and backgrounds, so to get a sky with impact she shoots at night in summer, using extremely long exposures in the low light so that enough travels in to make it look like she took the picture during the daytime.

'When I first started doing these, what appealed to me was being able to show in a flat image the passage of time,' she explains. 'The passage of minutes is something your eye can't see. That seemed magical to me, so I was determined to figure out how to do extreme long exposures.'

Rebekka's long exposures can last up to 13 minutes, and she fits the darkest filter she can get, an ND 400, which multiplies the regular exposure time by a factor of 400. She'll take a test shot to get the lighting down to a 1sec shutter speed, then put the filter on to push it up to 400secs. In the darkness of winter she can't take a test shot, so getting the correct exposure is down to guesswork and making educated guesses from that trial and error.

Her most satisfying landscape, taken late one night in a freezing lake, is one she says she nearly didn't take (see page 20). 'I had





Around the time she took the shot of the apple (see pages 18-19), Rebekka became obsessed with freezing subjects with fast shutter speeds

again – I didn't have a remote trigger – and try it again. All the while I was shivering violently and hoping one of the dozen or so shots I took would catch me in the graceful fairy-like pose I had in mind.'

Eventually it did, and it was her proudest moment as a photographer. The image also demonstrates her distinct style, which she says she doesn't see herself but admits is probably because she doesn't have the detachment that viewers of her work have. 'I think it's down to the human element,' she says. 'My pictures are really personal. I'm putting so much of myself into them. They show little bits of stories and allow people to use their imaginations to fill in the before and after.'

'The internet has played a huge role in my development,' she adds. 'It's been a life-changing thing for me. I'm still an amateur – I'm not getting job offers everyday or making enough to live off photography alone, but I am a lot closer to that goal than I would be had I not used the web. It's been a huge jumpstart. Usually people put together a portfolio and go around to galleries, but the web has changed it all around. You no longer need an elite group of critics to notice you. In my case I managed to find a following, which gives me an extra boost to continue chasing my dream.' **AP**

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to pep-talk myself the whole drive out there because I didn't believe I could do it,' she recalls. 'Technically it was very difficult to make if you don't have an assistant, and the water was ice cold.'

At 3am, Rebekka lumbered through the drizzle and cold and set up her tripod on the shore. One-by-one she hauled large rocks from her car, which she had painted blue to add a surreal element to the scene, and carefully placed them in the water where

her foreground would be. She'd scouted the location for months, gathered the rocks in winter and held on to them until the following summer. Then she waded in.

'The water was so cold you would probably die if you spent more than ten minutes in there,' she recalls. 'I was in there up to my knees for five minutes at a time, wading back and forth barefoot over the rocky bottom on numb feet to get back to the shore and check the exposure, set the timer

Inspired by Dali, Rebekka likes to add a surrealist element to her landscapes to challenge our notion of how we see it



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With no LCD indicator to show the current level of charge, the UniPal is not as good as the latest Ansmann Digi-Charger Vario Pro, but at £25 it is more than £20 cheaper.

Richard Sibley

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JON Goodman, aka Interslice, comes highly recommended by many AP readers for his range of pre-cut light seal kits. The seals that they are intended to replace are the slices of black sponge that typically line the mirror boxes and backs of SLR cameras, preventing light from fogging the film. Over the years, the sponge degrades.

The arrival of an early 1960s Nikon F from eBay gave me the opportunity to try out one of Jon's kits. Although he doesn't yet sell this particular kit commercially, he was very forthcoming with help and advice, and sent me a 'pre-production' kit. At the moment, the Nikon F kit (which he will make available on request) contains simple instructions, two pieces of carefully cut black foam, and a specially designed bamboo tool for scraping away the old seals and pressing the new ones into place. By the time it is commercially available, Jon also hopes to be able to include a length of black wool to replace the coaming that lines the top of the film compartment. This lining is in good condition in my camera, so the only thing I needed that wasn't included was a small quantity of lighter fluid to help dissolve the remains of the old seals. Removing these remnants was the most time-consuming part of the exercise, but fitting the new seals was easy. Jon sells a wide range of kits designed specifically for working on several

popular cameras, which can be viewed on his eBay page. A website, www.cameras101.com, is currently under construction, so interested readers should bookmark this address for the future. **Barney Britton**

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'Green square' flash

Ralph Fraser asks My current camera is a Canon EOS 20D, and I have a question about its 'green square' fully automatic mode. When I am shooting in this mode, no matter what my subject, or whether I am indoors or outdoors, the built-in flash pops up and fires. When I am shooting landscapes and buildings outdoors this is entirely unnecessary, and simply serves to drain the camera's battery. Why does it do this, and can I turn it off?

Barney Britton replies The so-called 'green square' mode is an entirely automatic shooting mode, which allows you virtually no control over your photography, except for where you point the camera. In this mode, the EOS 20D will try to do literally everything for you, and to make absolutely sure that you get the shot it thinks you want, it fires the flash, just in case. To

stop this from happening, I recommend shooting in the program mode ('P' on the exposure mode dial). In this mode, exposure is still fully automatic, but if you want to, you can take control over other key shooting settings, like exposure compensation and AF point selection. You'll be pleased to know that in P mode the flash doesn't fire unless you manually raise it yourself.



Emulsion repairs

James Alexander asks I recently knocked over the iron and it fell onto an unframed photograph of my partner's much loved, but sadly departed pet. I lifted the iron almost immediately, but unfortunately not before it melted a slight iron-shaped impression in the emulsion. The image itself is fine, but there is a texture visible on the surface of the print when it is viewed from an angle. Is there anything I can do to restore the print, perhaps by melting the rest of the gelatine, and extricate myself from the doghouse?

Geoffrey Crawley replies

Unfortunately, any attempt to melt the gelatine is likely to damage the emulsion and ruin the image altogether. I suggest that the best course of action is to scan the image and then touch up the damage using an image-editing program on the computer. If you are not able to do this yourself, a local professional photographic lab should be able to do the job for you. Alternatively, you may find a photographic friend or member of a camera club will take pity on you and help you out. Once the damage has been repaired digitally, a print can either be made

on an inkjet printer or at a local lab. With luck this, and perhaps a nice frame, will see you restored to your rightful position.

OM mirror problems

Robert Paulson asks I recently bought a second-hand Olympus OM-4 which was in great condition, and I have been extremely pleased with it. The other day, however, I took a photograph and the mirror jammed, locking in its raised position. Nothing I have tried, including removing and reinserting the batteries, has succeeded in lowering the mirror again. Am I looking at an expensive repair?

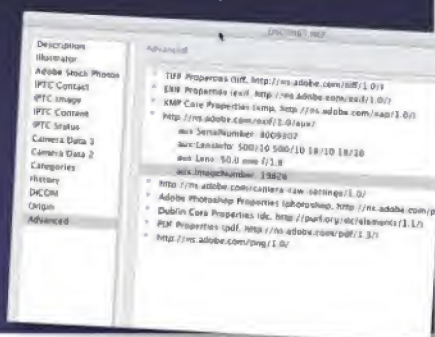
Barney Britton replies Fear not Robert, the solution to this problem is simple and relatively inexpensive. In the OM-4, in common with other Olympus OM models with electronically controlled exposure, the

How many actuations?

Ron Murray asks Adverts for used DSLRs sometimes mention that a camera is in mint condition, with a very low number of actuations. How can I confirm how many actuations my Nikon D200 has had? I can't find any mention of these in the instruction manual. Would I have to use Capture NX2 to access them?

Richard Sibley replies The number of actuations is recorded within the Exif data of an image. So, take a raw image on your Nikon D200 and open it in Adobe Photoshop. Select File>File Info>Advanced><http://ns.adobe.com/exif/1.0/aux> and you will find the number of actuations under the aux:ImageNumber entry.

Those who don't have Adobe Photoshop can use a number of other programs that allow you to access Exif data, including ExifTool, which can be downloaded from www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool.



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Keywords are important words that describe the subject of the image. Using a program such as Adobe Photoshop

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Live View AF

dantheman24 asks I was wondering why the autofocus is so slow when using Live View on a DSLR when compared to the autofocus on a compact camera. Surely they both use the same contrast-detection system?

Roger Provins replies Check out the Sony Alpha 300, Alpha 350, Alpha 330, Alpha 380, Alpha 500 and Alpha 550. Their Live View autofocus is the same as using the viewfinder: very fast.

dantheman24 replies Correct – that is because they have a secondary sensor in the viewfinder chamber, onto which the image is diverted (as opposed to your eye when looking through the viewfinder), so the main focusing sensor can be used in both Live View and normal viewing modes.

Barney Britton replies Leaving aside the Sony Alpha's Quick AF Live View feature, one of the reasons why 'conventional' Live View systems in DSLRs are usually slower to focus than compact cameras is that their lenses, and the glass elements that they contain, are larger and heavier. Moving these large glass elements to achieve focus takes longer, and the small depth of field of a large sensor means that precision is crucial. This is why many Live View systems 'nudge' the focus using tiny steps until the picture is sharp. This level of precision is unnecessary in a compact camera, since the depth of field is extremely wide by comparison, and minor errors in critical focus are therefore unnoticeable.

mirror action is partly mechanical and partly electronic. It is possible to trip the shutter and raise the mirror without there even being any batteries inserted in the camera, but you will need to insert some in order to lower it again, because this movement is electronically controlled. I'm quite sure that if you replace the batteries in your OM-4, your problem will be solved.

UV filters

John Hall asks I recently bought a Nikkor 35-105mm lens. Attached to the lens was a B+W 52E 010 1x filter. I wonder if you could tell me

about it? Is it OK to leave it attached to the lens at all times instead of a sky light filter?

Richard Sibley replies The filter is made by B+W and the 52E number refers to the filter thread size. The number 010 is B+W code for a UV filter, whilst 1x refers to the exposure, which means that no exposure compensation is required (2x would mean adding an extra stop to the exposure). As it is a UV filter it is perfectly safe, and recommended, to leave this filter attached to the lens at all times.

Elements, Bridge or Lightroom, or Apple iPhoto or Aperture to keyword images can make it easier to find a particular picture among the thousands on your computer. For example, a landscape image with a deer in it, taken in Sevenoaks, may be tagged with the words 'Landscape', 'Deer' and 'Sevenoaks, Kent'. If you wish to find the image in the future, just search for one or more of these keywords and your computer should present you the correct file, along with any others that share those keywords.

It can take some time to add keywords individually, but thankfully most image-cataloguing software allows you to add the same keywords to multiple

images at the same time.

Keywords are also used on some image websites. Flickr, for example, allows you to add 'tags' to images. The more relevant tags your images have, the more likely they are to turn up in other user search results.

Of course, if you sell your images via a stock library then it is vital to keyword them. The website www.arcurs.com/keywording allows you to enter in the keywords for an image, and it will then find other images that share the same keywords, as well as list any related words that these pictures are also tagged with. This can help you see how other photographers are keywording similar images. **Richard Sibley**

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Ivor Matanle recalls the huge impact made by the **Nikon F** and the Nikon system when it arrived on the camera market in the 1960s

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Angela Nicholson investigates the benefits of in-camera dynamic range optimisation systems

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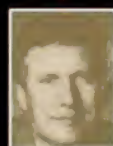
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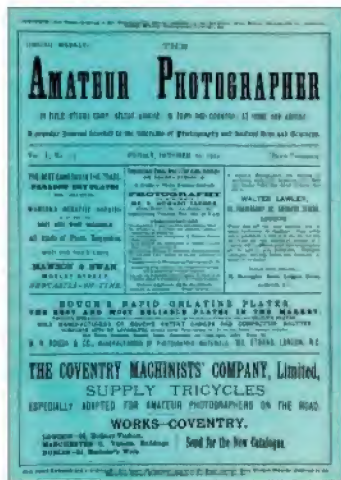
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One hundred and twenty five is a ripe old age. In the history of the Earth of course, 125 years is nothing, but for humankind it's longer than a lifetime - longer than two in some cases. Every time I see the old men in their uniforms and medals on Remembrance Sunday I try to imagine what they've been through, not just in the wars commemorated, but in life in general; how things have changed, and how their childhoods were so utterly different from those of today's children - the world too is a totally different place. Older people can forget what happened in their youth, and things remembered are as often tinted either rose or otherwise but, even so, their stories are fascinating and help us understand the way things were.

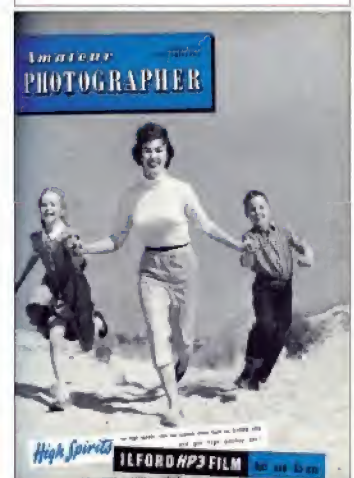
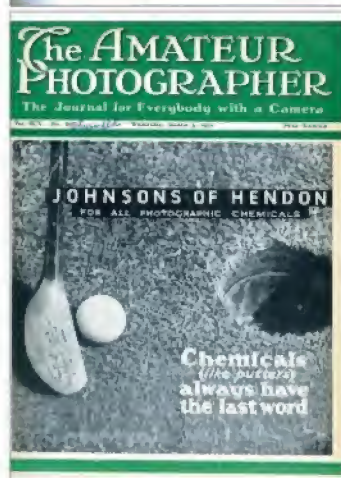
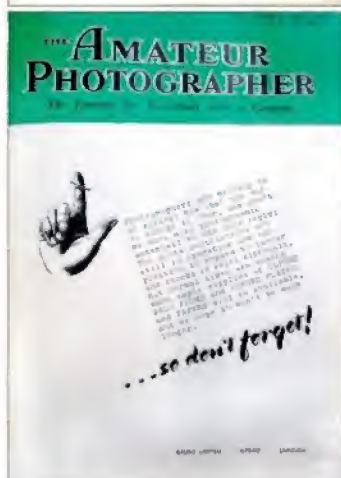
The AP archive is like one of those old warriors, but it forgets nothing. Its facts are as fresh as the day they were first written, and through 14 previous editors, and now myself, the history of photography in the UK and across the world has been traced. Through its adverts and editorial we can experience again and again the launch of each new product and the birth of new systems. The facts are there, as are the attitudes of professionals and amateurs alike through letters, interviews and commentaries. There is no other record of photography so complete and significant, and on our 125th anniversary of that first issue, dated 10 October 1884, we celebrate the story of this unique magazine.

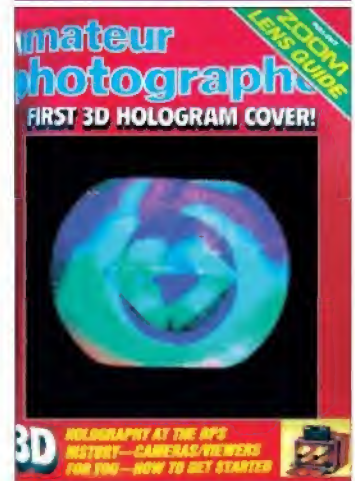
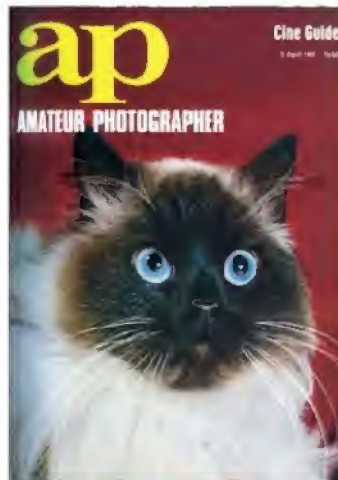


Cover story

Each of the 6,400 AP covers in our archive presents a reflection of the times in which it was published, and the collection charts 125 years of a changing photographic world.

We see the end of the Second World War, the introduction of colour photography, the world's first holographic magazine cover, AP's first digital camera test, the death of Lady Diana, as well as myriad shifts in style, interests and technology. AP and photographic history are inseparably, irretrievably entwined





AP captures 125 yea

Established even before the birth of the Box Brownie, AP has witnessed huge changes in camera development over the past

\$1 Brownie camera

1884 The first issue of *Amateur Photographer* (dated 10 October) was published



Launched in 1925 at the Leipzig Spring Fair in Germany, the Leica 1 became the world's first mass-produced 35mm stills camera

1885 Eastman introduced the first 'transparent' photographic film, as we know it today

1887 Breakthrough flashlight powder formula developed by Adolf Miethe and Johannes Gaedicke

1888 The name Kodak was born. The firm's camera slogan was: 'You press the button – we do the rest'

1898 Kodak's Folding Pocket Camera appeared, producing 2¼x3¼in negatives

1900 Kodak introduced the first Brownie camera, costing \$1. Film cost 15 cents a roll, making photography accessible to the public for the first time

1902 The Kodak Developing Machine aimed to simplify the processing of roll film, making it possible to develop film without a darkroom

1903 The autochrome process for colour photography (the first practical system) was invented by Auguste and Louis Lumière, who made the plates at their base in France

35mm revolution

1912 Oskar Barnack developed the Ur-Leica, the world's first 35mm rollfilm camera and the precursor to the first mass-produced 35mm stills cameras, the Leica 1, launched in 1925

1917 Nippon Kogaku KK (Japan Optical Co) formed on 25 July, later to become known as Nikon

1919 Pentax Imaging Company was founded under the name Asahi Optical Joint Stock Co. Olympus founded in the same year (initially making microscopes)

1929 The Rolleiflex twin-lens reflex camera was developed by Franke & Heidecke. The first commercially available photoflash bulb was made by Johannes Ostermeier (by burning aluminium foil in oxygen in a sealed bulb)

1932 Zeiss Ikon launched the Contax rangefinder camera

1935 Kodak introduced Kodachrome, which was to become what it later hailed as the first commercially successful amateur colour film

SLR first

1936 The first Olympus camera, the Semi-Olympus Model I, was launched. Agfa introduced its Agfacolor-Neu negative-positive colour printing process

1946 Kodak launched Ektachrome Transparency Sheet Film, hailed as the firm's first colour film that photographers could process themselves using new chemical kits

1947 The Precision Optical Co Ltd changed its name to Canon Camera Co Ltd on 15 September 1947

1948 The first Nikon 35mm rangefinder camera, the Nikon 1, was born. Edwin Land marketed his one-step Polaroid photographic process

1949 The world's first 35mm SLR camera body with a built-in pentaprism, the Contax S, was introduced

1951 Pentax unveiled its first SLR, the Asahiflex

'King' Pentax

1954 Kodak revealed Tri-X high-speed b&w film

1958 The Pentax K (the 'K' is said to stand for 'king' as in 'king of SLRs') featured a semi-automatic diaphragm and micro-prism viewfinder

1959 The Nikon F was the world's first SLR to provide full coupling of the shutter speed – and aperture – to the exposure meter. Canon's first SLR camera, the Canonflex, was launched in May of 1959. Olympus launched the first Pen, which took half-frame images on 35mm film

1961 Canon revealed its first AE compact rangefinder camera, the Canonet

1964 Pentax unwrapped its first camera with built-in TTL metering, the Spot Eye (Spotmatic)

1971 Canon's professional F-1 SLR became the official 35mm camera for the Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada

The Contessa and the Latest Contax

As we remarked in our recent review of the Cologne Fair, post-war German cameras are, on the whole, not as novel as to existing as had, perhaps, been expected. One of the half-dozen important exceptions to this generalization, however, is the Zeiss Ikon Contessa, an entirely new model of which no contemporary existed ten years ago. This camera is, of course, not being imported into this country in the ordinary way of trade, but one has come into the hands of the Camera Company, Limited, who have been kind enough to give us the opportunity of describing it for our readers.



AP's issue dated 26 July 1950 reviewed the Zeiss Ikon Contessa and Contax IIa, before either camera was available in the UK

Nikon's first SLR, the Nikon F, was launched onto the market 50 years ago, and hailed by many as a 'professional workhorse'



rs of photo history

century and a quarter. **Chris Cheesman** looks at some key milestones as AP reported on the latest kit, week in and week out

Smallest SLR

1973 Olympus hailed its OM-1 as the world's smallest and lightest 35mm SLR



1975 Kodak researcher Steve Sasson built the first digicam, using spare parts from a Super 8 cine camera. The images were displayed on a TV screen. Olympus OM-2 MD debuts, billed as the first SLR with an AE system based on TTL direct metering of light in front of the shutter and on the film surface

1976 Canon touted its AE-1 as the world's first 35mm AE SLR camera to be equipped with a Central Processing Unit (CPU)

1978 Konica broke new ground with the first 35mm AF compact camera, the C35 AF



AF revelation



1982 Kodak launched 'disc photography' with a range of cameras built around a rotating disc of film

1985 The Minolta 7000 was the world's first SLR with AF built into the camera body

1986 The first disposable camera was launched by Fujifilm, called QuickSnap

1987 The first Canon EOS, the EOS 650, debuted in March of 1987. Pentax launched the SFX, an AF SLR with retractable flash

1991 Kodak introduced the first commercially available digital SLR, the DCS-100. It was based on a Nikon F3 camera chassis

1995 Casio launched the QV-10, which was publicised as the world's first consumer digital camera with a built-in monitor

1996 The Advanced Photo System (APS) – introducing 'drop-in' film cartridge loading for the first time – was born



The Contax N Digital was the first full-frame DSLR. Dogged by delays to its launch it was axed in 2003, a year after its debut

Full-frame future

2000 Contax announced its plan to launch the first full-frame digital SLR camera, the six-million-pixel Contax N Digital

2002 Canon introduced its first full-frame DSLR, the 11-million-pixel EOS-1Ds

2005 Dixons confirmed that it was set to axe sales of 35mm film cameras from its high-street shops, claiming there was now 'no real difference' in quality between film and digital imaging. Kodak discontinued its DCS Pro SLR/n and DCS Pro SLR/c digital SLRs to concentrate on making imaging sensors. However, the company insisted it was not ruling out future production of digital SLRs

2006 Olympus announced the first DSLR with a Live View monitor, the E-330. Sony announced it would market its first DSLRs under the Alpha banner. Samsung's first digital SLR (developed in partnership with Pentax) made its debut in the shape of the GX-1S. Leica unveiled the eagerly awaited digital version of its legendary M-mount rangefinder camera, a 10.3-million-pixel model called the M8

2007 The 12.1-million-pixel Nikon D3 became the first of the firm's full-frame DSLRs

2008 Nikon's D90 was the first DSLR to shoot video. In the same year, the Micro Four Thirds interchangeable camera system was announced – a mirror-less format aimed at reducing camera weight and size. Polaroid announced it was to shut down its film manufacturing plants

2009 Olympus launched the first truly compact Micro Four Thirds digital camera, the Pen E-P1. The Leica M9 became the firm's first full-frame digital M rangefinder camera. Kodak discontinued its iconic Kodachrome 64 film after 74 years. A handful of workers clung on to their jobs at Franke & Heidecke, maker of the famous Rolleiflex twin-lens cameras, which were set for the chop. Pentax revived plans to launch its long-awaited 645 Digital medium-format camera, four years after a mock-up was first shown



Our Views.

"To hold us 't' the mirror up to Nature."—SHAKESPEARE.
We are now able to announce the result of Dr. P. H. Emerson's careful and critical examination of the photographs sent in for the "Holiday Work" competition.
FIRST PRIZE (two guineas and a silver medal): Mr. Alfred Stieglitz, 64, Kronenstrasse, Berlin.
SECOND PRIZE (one guinea and a bronze medal): Mr. Alexander Keighley, Plosh House, Keighley.
THIRD PRIZE (half a guinea and a bronze medal): Mr. W. H. Banks, Ridgebourne, Kingston, Hereford.



No. 1. A GOOD JOKE

Alfred Stieglitz won first prize in an AP competition and regularly submitted letters to AP

faces



1. Beglosser—Astoria.



2. Amasson—Children at play.

By **VICTOR BLACKMAN**
of the "Daily Express"

REMEMBER that Shakespeare wrote about the seven ages of man. Now I would like to give you my idea of the five ages of the photographer. The beginner is often far too ambitious; because he has paid quite a lot of money for his camera, he immediately tackles last action in existing light. Being confused by all the gadgets on his camera, he underexposes, his shutter speed is too slow for the high-speed action, and he is off focus. (Picture 1.) Several hundred exposures later, he has mastered most of the technicalities and he turns out happy snapshots of the children at play (Picture 2).

A long time after this, under the influence of his camera club, he tries his hand at pictorialism. His efforts contain all the well-worn clichés such as figure staring into the distance, overhanging branches making "frames," an obliquely lit chunk of wall, and even the corny title, "At Peace" (Picture 3). Whenever I see that title, I immediately think of a pre-inscribed tombstone. Eventually, having read various articles on how to make money out of photography, he turns his hand to photo-journalism and starts to sell human-interest pictures to the evening newspapers and popular magazines (Picture 4). As the years roll by, he aspires to even higher places. He despises pictures which are technically right; pictorialism is old-fashioned; photo-journalism he regards as a prostitution of photography; and he is invited to admire the barely recognizable images he produces (Picture 5).



3. Advanced this time—Pictorialism.



Beglosser—Fishes on pondside terrace.



5. Impressionist—Astoria.

Over the decades, many famous photographers have shared their views in AP. We have delved deep into the archives and picked out a few notable contributors who, whether well known at the time of writing or not, have made a lasting impact in the world of photography

Frank Meadow Sutcliffe

Francis Meadow Sutcliffe, to give him his full name, was born in Leeds, West Yorkshire, in October 1853. He is most famous for his picturesque images of Whitby, North Yorkshire, where he spent the majority of his life working as a portrait photographer. His favourite subjects were fisher-people and farming folk, and his images provide an invaluable insight into what life was like for the people in these communities during this time.

In the early 1900s, a number of Meadow Sutcliffe's images were published in AP, including the tranquil seascape titled 'Half an hour after sunset' (see top centre), and a charming image of two young lovers (see top left). Both images appeared in July issues in 1904. Meadow Sutcliffe also contributed columns to AP; his imaginatively written stories recounting the trials and tribulations of seafaring folk were published on several occasions. He died in May 1941.

Alfred Stieglitz

Born in New York, USA, in 1864, Alfred Stieglitz is recognised as one of the world's most influential photographers. He contributed to AP in the form of letters, columns and as a competition entrant before he was an established photographer. In February 1887, he wrote his first article on photography for AP called 'A word or two about amateur photography in Germany', and later that year he submitted several images to AP photo competitions. In August, one of his images was highly commended in a competition, and three months later, proving that persistence pays off, he won first prize in AP's Holiday Work competition. His winning image, 'A Good Joke', was published in the magazine the following year (see above left).

Stieglitz went on to be an influential member of the prolific Linked Ring group of photographers and was heavily involved with the Photo-Secession movement in the early 1900s. He died in 1946.

Victor Blackman

A prominent Fleet Street photographer and somewhat colourful character, Blackman worked for the *Daily Express* newspaper in the 1960s and was a regular contributor to *Amateur Photographer* during this time. He shared his experiences as a press photographer in a series of columns called 'Photo-Gossip'. Here, he pondered and lambasted a range of topical photography issues, producing often humorous and always very readable articles, sometimes technique-related and unabashedly critical, other times more philosophical in tone. In one article published in AP 18 April 1962 (see left), he writes about 'the five ages of the photographer', relaying his views on a photographer's personal development, while in another he talks about the necessity of always having your camera ready (see bottom centre).

David Bailey

David Bailey, famous for capturing the glitz and glamour of London life in the 1960s, needs little introduction. A photographer whose name is synonymous with the world of fashion and celebrity photography, Bailey, who was born in January 1938, started his career as a studio assistant before working for *Vogue* magazine in 1960. Immersing himself fully in the culture of the day, Bailey rapidly became as famous as the stars he photographed. Numerous actors, musicians and celebrities have passed in front of his lens, and some of his most famous subjects include the Beatles, the Kray twins and the model Jean Shrimpton. Bailey has written articles for AP several times throughout his long and illustrious career, and on 13 August 1994, he began a new column for AP called 'The Expert's View' (see far left), giving behind-the-scenes insight into his images and pondering the world of photography.

Joe Cornish

To landscape photography lovers and avid AP readers, Joe Cornish is a familiar name. Now one of the UK's leading landscape photographers and author of many books, including the highly successful *First Light: A Landscape Photographer's Art* (2002), Joe's work has appeared in AP on many occasions, most recently in AP 3 October. However, there was a time when even Joe had to carve his niche in the world of landscape photography.

In 1993, after working for many years as a commercial photographer, producing images for the National Trust photo library and numerous travel books, Joe moved to North Yorkshire to pursue his ambition to become a full-time landscape photographer. A year later, one of his landscape images was published in AP's 'First Frame' column (see top right). In 1995, Joe turned his attentions fully to landscape photography and has been at the forefront of this photographic genre ever since.

Right: One of Joe Cornish's early landscapes appeared in AP's 'First Frame' in 1994



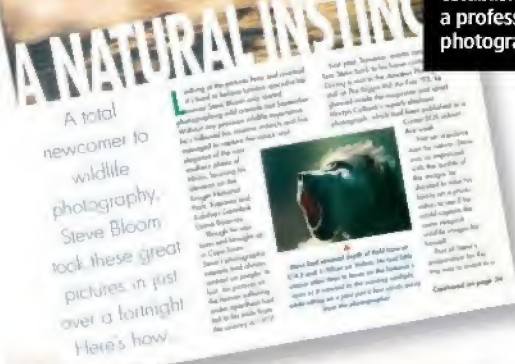
Gentle beauty

Left: Some of Steve Bloom's earliest images were featured in AP in 1994, as he was establishing himself as a professional wildlife photographer

Below: Bob Carlos Clarke penned his often controversial and outspoken views in a series of columns for AP called 'Devil's Advocate'

Steve Bloom

Steve Bloom will be familiar to many as one of AP's regular experts, offering words of wisdom in his monthly 'Photo Insight' column (see AP 19 September for Steve's most recent contribution). A world-famous wildlife photographer, Steve has shot around the world, in places as far afield as Mozambique, Senegal and Botswana, and has published several photography books. He started taking pictures of wildlife in 1993 when he took his family on a photo safari to the Kruger National Park in his home country of South Africa. He was featured in *Amateur Photographer* on 9 July 1994 as an emerging wildlife photographer (see above right). Re-reading the copy some 15 years later is a reminder that with hard work, drive and unfailing commitment, anything in photography is possible.



DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

Bob Carlos Clarke

Irish-born Bob Carlos Clarke was perhaps best known for his erotic fashion photography. Often heralded as a British Helmut Newton, Carlos Clarke contributed regularly to AP magazine in the early 1990s in a controversial column called 'Devil's Advocate', in which he shared his highly charged views on photography and stirred up the readers. What began as a feature based on readers' letters soon turned into a personalised column. He died in March 2006.

Research by Gemma Padley

Steven Meisel fails to impress Bob with his London Babes pictures, leaving the Wonderbra to come to the rescue...

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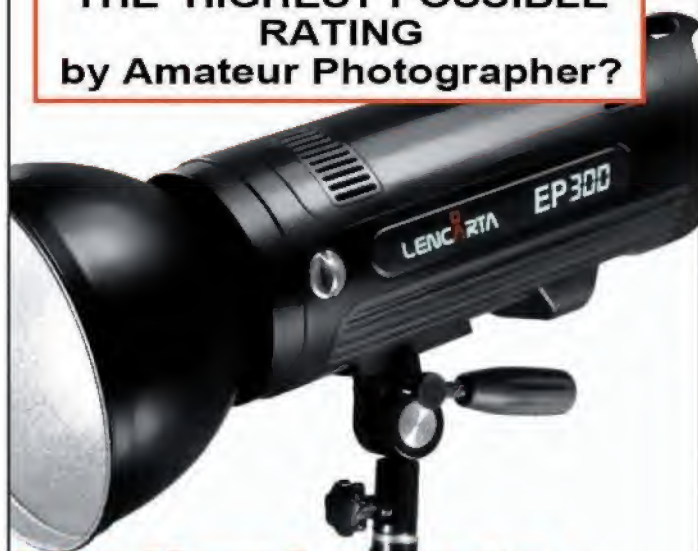


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BACK when *Amateur Photographer* was first published, photography was already a well-established pastime, albeit one that was advancing extremely quickly. The formats we use today – 120 and 35mm film and, of course, digital sensors – didn't exist back in 1884, although it might surprise readers that some enthusiast photographers were already shooting in colour well before the outbreak of the First World War.

In this article, I have separated the past 125 years into six 'snapshots' taken at 25-year intervals. At each of these points, I have selected a typical high-end enthusiast's kit of the time for particular examination.

As well as the six kits I have examined in detail, you will find a timeline, which places significant cameras and associated technological advances in context.

The kit we used 1884-2009

The equipment might have changed, but enthusiast photographers have shared the same passion since the very beginning of photography. **Barney Britton** turns back the clock and looks at what AP readers would have been shooting on from 1884 to the present day

1884 Watson Tailboard camera

The Watson Tailboard camera shown here is representative of a type of camera that was very popular in the first years of AP's life. The tailboard design folds up to be a very compact unit, easily carried in a box little bigger than a briefcase. The front plate, which holds the lens, has a wide left-right movement for stereo use, whereby two exposures would be made on the same piece of glass plate, with the lens positioned on the left and right of the front plate respectively. For normal photographic use, the lens is centred.

By 1885, the albumen print was in favour, largely supplanting the earlier technique of salted paper printing. The albumen print was superior for many reasons. The printing paper is formed of two layers: the paper, and the layer of albumen. It is the albumen layer that is soaked in silver-nitrate solution, and this gives prints with higher contrast and clarity than was previously possible, with a glossy surface. As sensitised materials had such a short shelf life, the sensitising process and the exposure usually had to be done on the same day.



1884

George Eastman invents flexible photographic film



1900

The Box Brownie is developed by Kodak, designed for mass-production and mass appeal: 'You press the button, we do the rest'



1912

Kodak introduces the 'Vest Pocket' camera, which uses 127 format film

1909 Adams Videx 1/4 plate 'Popular Model'

Manufactured from 1903-1910, the Adams and Co Videx was a single-lens reflex camera made from leather and mahogany, with a revolving back. The mirror is set independently to the shutter, being retracted prior to exposure. A full-size glass screen at the top of the camera serves as a focusing and composition aid, much in the same way as a more modern TLR camera. There is also a secondary screen on the back.

Compared to earlier cameras, reflex models were relatively compact and, for the time, the Videx was very advanced, both in terms of its features and its construction methods. The basic specifications of the Videx don't look out of date today: shutter speeds running from bulb to 1/1000sec with a double-extension bellows, capable of focusing down to very close distances. This Videx is the so-called 'Popular' type, and would have been put to use by enthusiasts and professional photographers well into the first decades of the 20th Century. Our model has a Cooke Anastigmat lens with a focal length of 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in and a maximum aperture of f/4.5.

Bromide prints were all the rage in 1909, of the type popularised by so-called 'pictorialist' photographers like Alfred Steiglitz, but the talk in AP's pages was of the new-fangled Autochrome process. Autochrome was a colour process developed in Germany that created a positive image on glass that could be viewed by projection. Although modern colour film is very different in formulation, Autochrome paved the way for future developments.



1913

At the Ernst Leitz Optische Werke, Wetzlar, Germany, Oskar Barnack develops the first prototypes of a camera that will become the famous Leica I, pictured above



1929

The first Rolleiflex TLR is introduced, which shoots in the 6x6cm format that all future models in the Rolleiflex line will use



1934

The Kodak Retina is the first camera to accept the new 135mm film cartridge. The new mass-produced cartridges make 35mm cameras easy for anyone to load and use



1934 Leica III

Almost 20 years after Oskar Barnack started developing prototypes, the Leica III was released to much acclaim in 1933, featuring slow shutter speeds down to 1sec – high technology for the time. In AP's test report of June 28th 1933 (by which time we were already describing it as a 'famous camera'), we concluded that with the addition of the new slow shutter speed dial, 'the Leica has now done its devotees a real service'.

The final version of the III, the much-modified IIIg, was finally discontinued in 1960. The Leica III is the classic pre-war 35mm camera, and the model pictured here is one of the earliest. The use of 35mm film allows the camera to be small

and compact, and unlike an SLR, focusing is achieved using a coupled rangefinder system built into the top-plate. The Leica III was as small and discreet a camera in 1934 as you could hope to buy. Soon, 'The Leica' became the tool of choice for an emerging generation of candid photographers, personified by their unofficial leader, the famous Henri Cartier-Bresson. It was in the 1960s, with the emergence of high-quality SLRs (and multi-coated lenses to match) from Canon and Nikon that Leica's monopoly on the photojournalism market finally came to an end. The Leica III of 1933 set the pattern for things to come, and some of the principles by which it was

designed are still in use today in the Leica M7 and new digital M9.

Leicas have never been cheap, and back in the early '30s a Leica III like this one cost £33 with a standard 50mm f/2 lens – equivalent to around three months' income for the average Briton at the time. But it was money well spent. This camera works just as well today as it did 75 years ago.



1947

The post-war economic situation makes imported cameras scarce. The domestically produced Reid III, a copy of the Leica IIIb, provides British enthusiasts with a taste of the real thing



1948

After spending the war making aerial surveillance cameras, Hasselblad releases its first camera for enthusiasts, the 1600F. The much improved 1000F followed in 1953



1952

The Asahi Optical Company (later to become known as Pentax) releases its first 35mm SLR, the Asahiflex



1959 Nikon F

In the words of a contemporary advert, 'It all started with the Nikon F!' Although the Nikon F was not the first 35mm SLR aimed at professional photographers, it was arguably the first true 'system' camera for the 35mm film format. Throughout its long life, Nikon released numerous accessories for the F, including TTL metering heads and motordrives (see right) to update the basic mechanical body and meet the changing demands of a new type of professional photographer. Nikon promoted the durability of the F to professionals by dropping test samples from a low-flying helicopter, and it was partly the camera's ability to take astonishing amounts of punishment that made it such a success. Stories abound of F models stopping bullets in Vietnam, and surviving fires and monsoons. Such was the durability of the F that NASA even took it to the moon on the final three Apollo missions, Apollo 15, 16 and 17. During the course of its 15-year lifespan, the F became an icon beloved of photojournalists and quality-conscious enthusiasts alike. It set several standards for professional equipment that still apply today, and it also introduced the Nikon F-mount, which remains basically unchanged in current Nikon DSLRs. Early serial number Nikon Fs are highly collectable, but later models are a great choice if you're interested in a taste of proper 'back-to-basics' film photography.



1954

Leica debuts the M-mount with the Leica M3, a huge improvement over earlier screw-mount models, and much easier to use. Professionals and wealthy enthusiasts flock to the new system



1962

Topcon debuts the RE Super, the first SLR to offer full-aperture TTL metering



1963

Kodak introduces the Instamatic, which sets the standards for small size and ease of use that still govern the compact camera market today



1984 Olympus OM-4

The OM-4 represents Olympus at its best – as a forward-thinking manufacturer of compact, highly specified cameras backed up with a world-class optical system. The first OM camera, the OM-1, remains one of the smallest and lightest SLRs ever built, and it set the pattern for a system that was to last for a long time. The last OM, the OM-4Ti (essentially just an OM-4 with improved electronics and a titanium body), was finally discontinued in 2003, although it was much earlier, in the 1970s and '80s, that Olympus really blazed a trail. The

OM-4 was released in 1983 and featured shadow and highlight spot metering, and full TTL flash control. Its tiny body contained a lot of computing power by the standards of the day, and as a result it commanded a high price. Although Olympus never managed to achieve the same level of success in the professional market as Nikon and Canon, the OM system had – and still has – a huge number of very loyal users, drawn in part by the famously high quality of Olympus's Zuiko optics, like the luxurious 8mm fisheye pictured here.

Unfortunately, by the end of the 1980s Olympus had lost momentum, and could not compete against a new generation of autofocus SLRs. Only in 2003, with the birth of the Four Thirds System, did Olympus finally make a concerted bid to re-enter the consciousness of the enthusiast photographer. By then, of course, the OM series was discontinued. In 1984, though, the OM-4 represented the state of the art. As AP said, in our test report in November of that year, 'For the perfectionist, the OM-4 is sky-high on desirability'.



1976

Pentax launches the inexpensive K1000, which provided countless novice SLR users in the 1970s and '80s with their first taste of a 'proper camera'



1985

Barely a year after AP says that autofocus is 'still in its infancy', Minolta debuts body-integral phase-detection AF in its Dynax 7000 SLR camera, kick-starting the AF revolution



1992

Canon introduces the EOS 5, the first camera to feature 'eye-control focus'. The ultimate version of eye-control is the EOS 3 of 1998, which has 45 eye-controlled AF points



2009 Canon EOS 5D Mk II

The past ten years has seen an incredible sea change, both in the way that enthusiast photographers think about photography, and the kit that they use. Back in 1999, when the three-million-pixel Canon D30 was released, it attracted plaudits for being the first DSLR available for an 'affordable' price of around £2,000. Realistically, this sort of pricetag still kept the D30 out of the reach of most enthusiasts, but at least it was a step in the right direction. By the time its replacement, the D60, came to market, it faced stiff competition from Nikon and Fujifilm, in the opening salvo of what is now a fierce battle for the loyalty of enthusiast photographers.

The Canon EOS 5D Mk II is the first full-frame DSLR to offer a video-recording feature, and it seems safe to assume that high-definition video capture is set to become a standard feature before too long. As such, the EOS 5D Mark II represents not just the aspirations of today's enthusiast photographers, but also offers a tantalising glimpse of what is to come. As stills and video converge, and mobile devices become more and more advanced, what will the future hold? It would be foolish to try and guess. One thing is for sure, though – whatever comes along next, AP will be on hand to review it.



1999

Canon debuts the three-million-pixel D30, the first 'consumer DSLR', heralding a new era in digital photography for enthusiast photographers



2008

The Panasonic Lumix DMC-G1 is released – the first of a new breed of 'hybrid' cameras with a Four Thirds-format sensor and no optical viewfinder



2008

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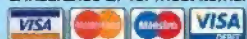


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In the 125 years since it was first published, **Amateur Photographer** has become one of the world's most enduring magazines. David Clark takes a brief look at its long history

THROUGHOUT its history, *Amateur Photographer* has always aimed to inform and entertain, and to both reflect and encourage its readers' passion for photography. It was launched in the late Victorian era, when the medium was beginning to grow in popularity. Since then, it has reported and commented on the huge changes that have taken place in photography. Uniquely among photographic magazines, AP has always retained its weekly format; to date, over 6,300 individual issues have been produced.

AP began life as the brainchild of founding editor J Harris Stone, who conceived it as, 'A popular journal devoted to the interests of photography and kindred arts and sciences.' In the 1880s, photography was still a pastime restricted to relatively few people, but that situation had begun to change. The introduction of the dry-plate process in 1878 had made photography less complicated and more affordable for larger numbers of people. AP aimed to appeal to the increasing number of amateurs taking up the hobby.

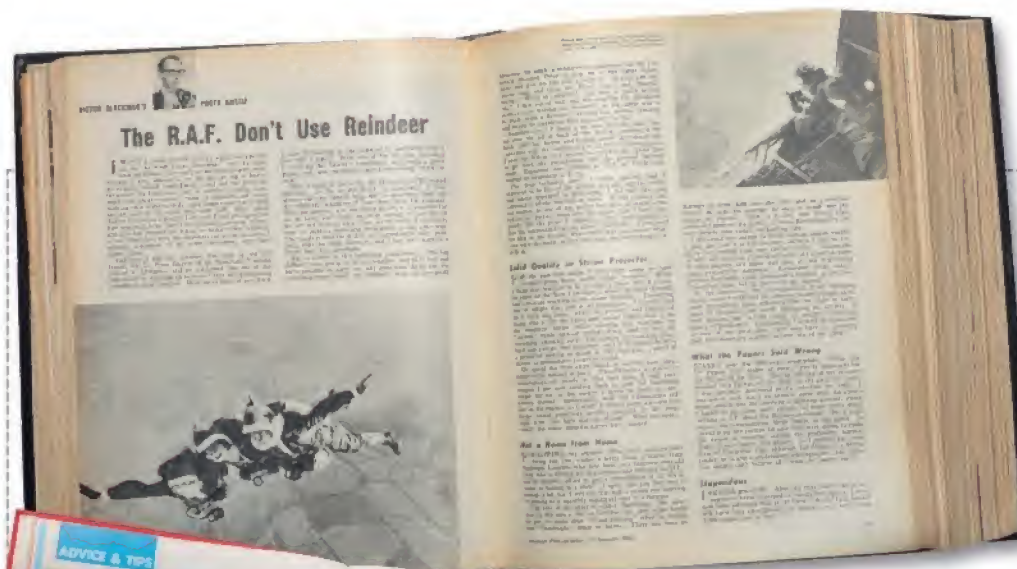
Stone's editorial leader in the first issue, published on 10 October 1884, set down AP's aims thus: 'This journal

is started to represent the amateur photographers of Great Britain, India and the Colonies,' he wrote. 'Above all things, the popularity of the journal will be its leading feature. No dry, scientific details will here be set down, but our pages will ever brim over with information put in the clearest and most readable form.'

From the outset, AP kept up to date with innovations and became a forum for raising and discussing topics of importance. Sometimes, particularly in its early years, AP was the focus of lively, even heated, debate, as its contributors discussed, for example, aspects of 'pictorialist' and 'naturalist' approaches.

Since then, AP has undergone many changes in appearance; it has been produced by many different publishers at various premises and been driven by its many different editors. Nevertheless, lots of its features have remained constant (albeit in slightly different forms) for long periods of its history.

The technical aspects of photography have always been central to the magazine. AP has reported on every innovation from new arrivals such as the first Kodak



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Decisive Moments

- 1884** The first issue of AP is published on Friday 10 October, calling itself, 'A popular journal devoted to the interests of photography and kindred arts and sciences'
- 1892** First illustrated supplements appear
- 1893** Alfred Horsley Hinton, one of Britain's leading landscape photographers, becomes editor
- 1901** George Bernard Shaw begins writing for AP
- 1908** Death of Alfred Horsley Hinton, who is succeeded as editor by FJ Mortimer. In the same year, the first photographs appear on the front cover
- 1918** AP amalgamates with Photography magazine, which brings a large number of advertisements for the back pages of the magazine
- 1925** AP adopts a 'glossy' front cover, with an increasing use of technically rudimentary colour images
- 1936** *Daily Mirror* photographer Lancelot Vining begins writing his popular column *Miniature Camera Gossip*, which runs for 25 years
- 1940** The magazine is reduced in size due to the wartime paper shortage
- 1942** The columnist 'Ricardo' begins his photo critique column
- 1944** FJ Mortimer dies following a wartime V-1 missile attack on London's Waterloo Station



camera in 1888 to the most recent developments in digital imaging. It also has a long-standing reputation for rigorous, independent tests of the latest equipment. The late Dr Stewart Bell and, more recently, Geoffrey Crawley have been among the contributors to continue this tradition.

Style and technique has also been an important element of AP, both in looking at the work of professional photographers and in constructive criticism of readers' pictures. The photo-critique column, currently edited by Damien Demolder, has previously been written by several others, including *Mirror* Group Chief Photographer Mike Maloney (from 1990-2007) and the writer known as 'Ricardo' in the 1940s.

AP's numerous contributors have included some of the most famous photographers of their day. Among those offering insights into their work have been Sir Cecil Beaton, Frank Meadow Sutcliffe, Bob Carlos Clarke, Eamonn McCabe and David Bailey. Other regular columnists have written entertainingly while raising points that have stimulated debate among readers. In 1918, there was a regular opinion column titled *Piffle*, written by WLF Wastell under the pseudonym 'The Walrus'. In the 1930s and '40s it was *Miniature Camera Gossip* written by Lancelot Vining; then in the 1960s it was *Photo Gossip* (later *Cameravaria*), written by longtime AP favourite Victor Blackman. Today, the regular column is *The Final Frame*, written largely by the ever-popular Roger Hicks.

Any magazine's cover is crucial to its identity and AP's design has changed numerous times to reflect the fashions of the day. In the first part of the magazine's history, its appearance was largely determined by technical considerations. For the first two decades of AP's life, the cover was simply a page of text under a banner headline. Ironically, the one thing AP didn't have in its early years was a photograph; they were too expensive to reproduce. Cover pictures didn't appear until 1908.

In the 1920s, AP (now with the strapline 'The journal for everybody with a camera') was regularly showing cheerful-looking portraits or documentary scenes. By the 1970s, images of attractive women were considered essential cover material and the inside pages regularly included features on glamour photography. This became such a notable aspect of the magazine in the '70s and '80s that AP was often jokingly referred to as 'Amateur Pornographer'. This image was gradually dropped in the 1990s as the magazine returned to its earlier focus on equipment, technique and interviews with photographers.

Today's AP, both in print and online, serves its readers in very much the way J Harris Stone envisaged. After a century and a quarter of technical innovations and changing fashions, it retains a distinctive and unique place in photographic publishing. The spirit of the journal confidently launched in 1884, dedicated to promoting the interests of photography enthusiasts everywhere, lives on. **AP**

Helping readers get the best from their photography has always been AP's *raison d'être*

- 1954** AP returns to its normal size as paper shortages end
- 1962** Victor Blackman, a press photographer on the *Daily Express*, begins writing his column *Photo Gossip*
- 1969** AP features its first 'glamour' cover
- 1980** AP records its highest circulation figures, selling an average of 106,860 copies per issue
- 1990** *Daily Mirror* photographer Mike Maloney begins a column offering constructive criticism of readers' pictures. It runs for 17 years
- 1999** AP's website, www.amateurphotographer.co.uk, is launched
- 2000** AP's School of Photographic Imaging is introduced
- 2007** Garry Coward-Williams, AP editor for eight years, is succeeded by the magazine's 15th Editor, Damien Demolder

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Oak tree in winter (c1842-43) by William Henry Fox Talbot. This is the positive image of the paper negative (inset above). Top right: A portrait of Fox Talbot (early 1840s) taken by Antoine Jean François Claudet



Brave new world

When **William Henry Fox Talbot** invented the paper negative 170 years ago, few people predicted how fundamental a part of everyday life photography would become. A new exhibition exploring 19th century photography is about to open at the British Library, so **Gemma Padley** went to meet the exhibition's curator, **John Falconer**, to find out more

If you were asked to sum up the beginnings of photography in images, where would you begin? Fox Talbot's experiments with the calotype process and Daguerre's silver-coated copper plate explorations are just two examples in a huge amount of subject matter. Selecting images to represent the key milestones in 19th century photography is no easy task, but it is a challenge John Falconer, head of visual materials and curator of photographs at the British Library, bravely took on.

John spent more than a year delving into the British Library's archives, rooting through the 300,000-strong image collections and unearthing pictures by

photographers such as William Henry Fox Talbot, Francis Frith and Peter Henry Emerson, as well as many unknown amateurs. The result is an exciting exhibition called *Points of View: Capturing the 19th Century in Photographs*, which traces photography's role as a popular pastime, a means of artistic expression, its role in documenting Victorian rural and urban life in Britain and abroad, and as a recording tool in science, archaeology and architecture. This is the first time the British Library has assembled a photography exhibition on such a large scale, so why now and how on earth did the curator decide which images to include?



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Light and shade in Leicester Square, London, c1896, by Paul Martin

➔ 'We felt it was time the public should see more of the collection,' says John. 'The images in our collections are scattered across departments in the Library, many of which aren't normally accessible to the public, so we wanted to bring them together in one place. Photography is a major part of modern life, but not everyone will know the history of how it started,' he continues. 'The aim of the exhibition is to raise awareness of the origins of photography and to stimulate interest in the medium in general. We've tried to show the principal ways photography was used throughout the 19th century in science, portraiture, industry and imperialism, for example, by selecting what we feel are the most compelling images from the Library's collection.'

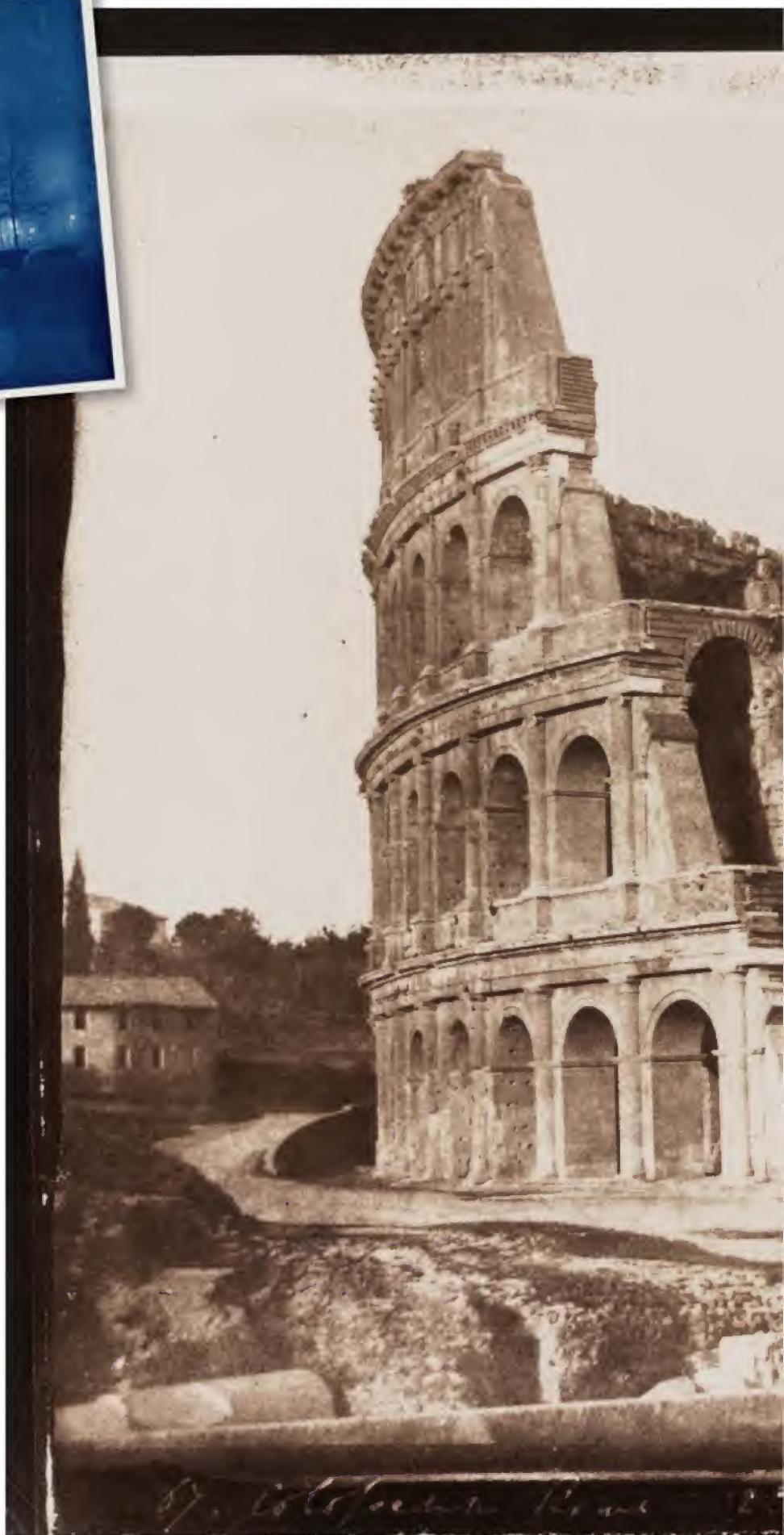
In the exhibition are framed prints, printed images in dusty tomes and a range of photography ephemera, including a number of cameras typical of the period, a magic lantern (the forerunner to the slide projector), stereograms (where a double lens and two images are used to create illusory 3D images) and photo albums of the day. There is even an *Amateur Photographer* portfolio from 1893 on show.

'Some of the images are more snapshot in style and intended as records for cataloguing data, while others are elaborate prints by photographers who saw themselves as artists rather than data collectors,' says John. 'From the earliest days, Fox Talbot championed the artistic merits of photography as well as its usefulness as a documentary tool; the images in the exhibition reflect these two important strands of photography.'

The first half of the exhibition examines the beginnings of photography, looking at how photographs were made, and includes an overview of the daguerreotype and calotype processes. There are a number of Fox Talbot images in the exhibition, such as early paper negatives from 1839 and images produced as he continued to explore methods of creating a permanent image.

'Part of the exhibition looks at Fox Talbot's attempts to popularise the calotype process and his largely failed attempts to make money from it,' says John. 'The calotype process wasn't an immediate commercial success like the daguerreotype – it spread more gradually through a network of fellow photography experimentalists that included the likes of Calvert Richard Jones and George Wilson Bridges, whose images are also included in the exhibition.'

Some of Fox Talbot's earliest notebooks are also on display, and visitors can see his seminal pamphlet, *The Art of Photogenic Drawing*, ➔



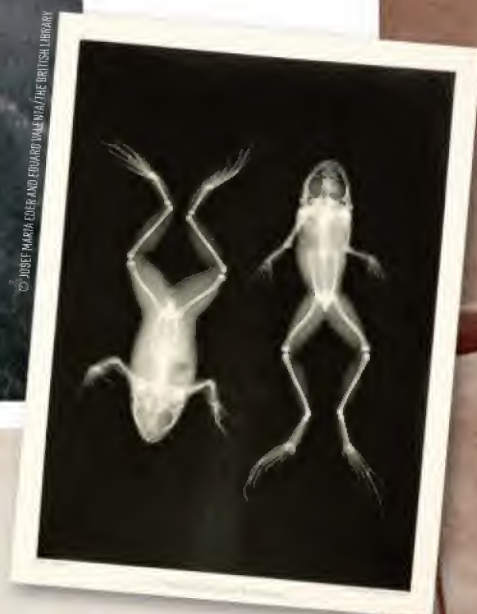


The Coliseum,
Rome, 1846,
by Calvert
Richard Jones



Left: Coming home from the marshes, c1886, Peter Henry Emerson

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Above left: The hippopotamus at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London, 1852, by Don Juan Carlos, Duke of Montizon



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Above right: The Ramesseum of El-Kurneh in Thebes, 1857, by Francis Frith

Top right: X-ray photograph of frogs, 1890s, Josef Maria Eder and Eduard Valenta

published in 1839, which outlines his discoveries on how to produce unlimited positive images from a single negative image. Many of the prints in the exhibition were created using the wet-plate collodion process invented by Frederick Scott Archer, which soared in popularity in the late 19th century, and there is an original wet-plate negative on display. One particularly eye-catching image from this early period is a wonderful picture of a hippopotamus taken at London's Zoological Gardens in 1852 (see above) and submitted to The Photographic Club, a body of influential amateur photographers.

The exhibition looks in some detail at how photography took off on the world stage and became increasingly commercialised during the 1850s. As well as amateurs who took pictures abroad for personal use, photography played a key role in recording important places for government records and professional photographers were hired specifically to take photographs of far-off places that would be then sold to the public. There is a selection of images taken by early professional travel photographers including Francis Frith, who was well known for his images of Egypt, and other photographers working in Europe including Englishman Charles Clifford and Frenchman Adolphe Braun, who photographed

French landscapes and architecture. 'The images we've chosen illustrate how photography echoes the burgeoning interest in tourism and popularity of the travel book,' says John. 'Photography became a means of recording life in the colonies, architecture and archaeological finds in places such as the Far East and India, and changes in industry the world over.'

Closer to home the exhibition looks at photography as a means of documenting town and country life. Peter Henry Emerson's timeless pictures of Norfolk are featured (see top left), and there are images by Scottish photographer John Thomson depicting street life in London (see right).

Photography's role as a recording tool was widespread during the 1850s and '60s, with images used for official documents such as criminal reports and in anthropology. Photography became a trusted scientific tool and the photographic image was frequently seen as the Holy Grail of scientific proof. An intriguing X-ray image of a pair of frogs (top right) underlines the Victorians' hunger for knowledge and understanding. 'The discovery of the X-ray in 1895 led to a rather dangerous amateur craze in X-ray photography, which fortunately was quite short lived,' says John. Also included in

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Street life in London:
Workers on the 'Silent
Highway', 1876-77,
John Thomson



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the exhibition are examples of spirit photography, which involved double exposures, and was popular with amateur photographers eager to exploit the artistic potential of photography. Images from the prolific Pictorialism movement, which involved emulating painting and etching processes of the day, are also on display.

Portraiture photography was popular with the middle-upper classes, and the exhibition includes several portraits taken by keen amateurs of the day. Especially captivating is the work of Lady Alice Mary Kerr (see top right), whose style bears comparison to that of Julia Margaret Cameron. The exhibition also provides an insight into the way prints were used and there are artefacts including lockets, ornate carte-de-visite portrait albums and miniature prints of celebrities such as Charles Dickens and Oscar Wilde (see above left) that people would collect.

Elsewhere the exhibition touches on the role of photography in documenting war. The large cameras made it near impossible to take pictures during the conflict so most images were taken after the event, and there are some stunning images of the American Civil War, Franco-Prussian war and Afghan conflicts that make for harrowing but compelling viewing.

Towards the end of the exhibition the focus shifts to how photography was 'consumed' by the masses at the turn of the last century. Simplified camera technology meant more people were taking pictures than ever before, and as the 20th century arrived photography's popularity continued to grow. A principal player in this 'commercialisation' of photography was Kodak, which held competitions aimed at the amateur photography market to stimulate interest in their products. The panoramic format was popular with amateurs during the latter part of the 19th century because of its ability to extend what the camera could see, and by the end of the century Kodak was mass producing panoramic cameras for amateurs. Images taken using the popular Kodak Panoram camera also feature.

'In the 19th century, photography emerged as a convenient way of recording the world in much the same way as it is today with digital,' says John. 'I hope visitors will go away with a better knowledge of the British Library collections, but also an enthusiasm for some of the wonderful photographs that were produced during that period. Whether people come to appreciate photography as an art form, a technical tool or as a reflection of history, there is something for everyone.' **AP**

Main image: Portrait of Oscar Wilde, New York, 1882, by Napoleon Sarony

Top: Portrait of Wilfrid Scawen Blunt, c1870, by Lady Alice Mary Kerr

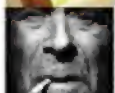
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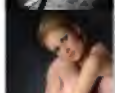
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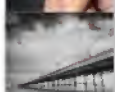
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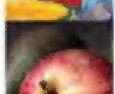


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Angela Nicholson has selected a number of readers' questions and our answers from the past 125 years to give an insight into

Questions and answers

AP HAS always been a source of knowledge and information

for its readers, and the question and answer pages, whether they be called *In Reply*, *Questions and Replies*, *Questions Answered*, *Enquiry Desk*, *AP Answers* or *Q&A*, has provided the opportunity for photographers to get the specific information they need. Naturally, as photographic technology has evolved over the decades, the enquiries about kit and how to use it have changed. Questions about preparing flash power, sensitising mercury and where to obtain quarter plates have given way to enquiries about white balance settings, software applications and image-stabilisation systems. However, it is interesting to see that many of the challenges facing photographers are still the same, such as how much to charge for image use, problems with flare and dealing with tricky lighting conditions.

I've sifted through issues from the past 125 years and found a selection of questions and answers I think you will find interesting. They reveal a few of the challenges that have faced photographers over the years and highlight some of the changes we have seen.

17 August 1960

Photographing in a Mirror

I wish to photograph my own reflection in a mirror. Should I set the camera focussing to the distance of camera to mirror or to this distance plus distance of myself to the mirror?

—N. J. (Sydenham).

When photographing your own reflection in a mirror the distance at which the camera should be focussed is the distance between the camera and mirror plus the distance between the mirror and yourself or the object. The point is that the image seen in a mirror is optically as far behind the mirror as the object is in front. You can easily check this for yourself if you like to use a rangefinder or a camera with any kind of reflex focussing. Alternatively, a very simple way of showing it to yourself is to stand in front of the mirror and point a foot ruler to it—you will see one ruler in front of the mirror and an image of another ruler behind—thus making two feet.

Camera Reducer

27 July 1960

Photographic Burglar Alarm

I am intrigued by the idea of a camera which takes pictures of an intruder, either in the day or at night. Could you give me any helpful comments?

L. M. (Monmouth).

It is quite possible to devise a photographic burglar alarm, but this would not be very inexpensive since the minimum requirements will be a camera, a flashgun, a device to detect the presence of an intruder and a relay to connect the device to the flashgun. One should, moreover, bear in mind the unfortunate fact that in several instances where photographic burglar alarms have been installed the burglar has been alerted by the flash and then departed, taking the camera and apparatus with him. The chance of this happening would be reduced by using infra-red flash which could not be observed.

One device for detecting the presence of an intruder is quite simple and you could make it yourself in about ten minutes. It simply consists of a movable arm between two electrical contacts having a spring to pull it across one side. The arm is kept midway between these contacts by a thin thread of cotton stretched across windows, etc. When the thread is pulled, the movable arm will come across and touch one contact, or alternatively the thread will snap and the arm will touch the other contact. In either case the circuit is completed, electricity is sent through the relay and the flash fired. A suitable relay is the Lectrolase, devised by H. Mortimer Batten, obtainable from Langham Photographic Instruments, Ltd., Langham Works, 132, Stanley Park Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Infra-red film can be obtained from Gevaert, Ltd., through a dealer, and an infra-red filter bag to put over the flashgun obtained from Arthur Barrett, 26, Gap Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.19, or the Fleetwood Camera Co., Fleetwood, Lancs.

10 February 1943

Focussing a Reflex

In focussing my reflex I am puzzled as to the method of obtaining depth of focus in front and behind the object focussed upon. Do you focus at full aperture and then stop down? How can one estimate the zone of depth after stopping down?

G. A. C. (Manchester).

If it is essential that the main object shall lie at exactly the point of sharpest focus, it is advisable to focus on this object at full aperture and then stop down until the required depth of focus is obtained. If, however, there is no such principal object and you are simply trying to get the zone of depth of focus wide enough to include two objects at different distances, you will have to stop the lens down before focussing, and then adjust the focussing so that both objects are just sharp.

The extent of the zone of depth of focus can generally be observed with sufficient accuracy simply by watching the image on the ground glass, and seeing whether you can get both the required objects sharp with one setting of the focussing. You will probably find it helpful, however, to have a table of focus table, if only as a guide to what you want to expect.

28 January 1943

Colouring Lantern Slides.

I want to colour the wording scratched on lantern slides coated with a black preparation; but there is nothing on the glass in these parts to take the stain. What is best done?

R.A. (Moston).

Transparent oil colours, which will dry hard in a short time, can be used; and this would be the simplest way of doing what you want. Another method which would probably be found to answer, is to coat the whole of the plate with a solution of gelatine, say, one ounce of hard gelatine to 20 ounces of water. Dip it bodily in this, while just warm, drain it, and set it up to dry. When dry, you will have no difficulty in tinting the wording either with water colours or with the liquid stains supplied for colouring photographs.

Focus of Lens.

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"Query"

Photographing Portraits against the Light.

Whenever I take a photograph of anyone sitting by the window it always comes out foggy, like the enclosed, although they are all right when the window is not in the picture, etc.

M. H. J. (Old Colwyn).

Your query contains its own reply, for, as you say, there is no fog when the window is not included. In other words, the strong window light falling on the lens causes it to become a kind of miniature and feeble sun scattering light in all directions inside the camera. This is inevitable to some degree. With some lenses this effect is more apparent than with others, but whether we notice it or not, it exists to some extent. The better the polish of the lenses, the less light is scattered. You may be able to reduce this effect to an appreciable extent by cleaning the front and back surfaces of the lens by very gently rubbing with a few drops of distilled water to which have been added a drop or two of pure alcohol or ammonia. But try the distilled water first. Be careful not to touch the lens with the fingers, as this will leave behind a trace of greasiness, although the fingers may appear to be quite clean. Examine the *inside* of the camera when the lens is facing the window, to see if there are any bright or reflecting surfaces. If so, the reflections must be quenched by dead black varnish, or black velvet attached to the offending parts, with a half-and-half mixture of fish glue and water. Also much may be done by shading the lens with a lens hood, which cuts off all the light except that required to form the image. For this purpose you can make a temporary lens hood of rough, dead-black paper, but a more permanent hood may easily be made of stiff card lined with black velvet. Preferably the hood may be of conical form. You can do little or nothing effective by way of reduction in such a case as the example you send.

Silver Stains on Negatives.

18 August 1943

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Reproduction Fees.
What ought I to ask a firm of publishers as the reproduction fee for a photograph?
M.O. (Sidcut).
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Buckled Films.
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21 January 1925

10 July 1925



Opening glass ampoules

A friend has given me some Neofin developer sealed in a small glass phial. What is the best way to open this and will you give me details of processing times etc?
Runcorn
H. R. Jones

The glass ampoule is about 4½ins high, brown in colour and with a narrow neck, contains Neofin developer, and this is printed on the glass itself. Each ampoule holds 25cm³ of solution and is opened by snapping off the head between forefinger and thumb (as shown in the illustration) by placing the forefinger on the side of the neck behind the coloured dot, which is the weakest point of the glass envelope. This ensures a clean break, which is most important, otherwise small fragments of glass may fall into the developer and be carried into the developing tank with the risk of scratching the film during agitation. At worst, becoming embedded in the film itself.

Should the head not snap off only the developer should be red out of the ampoule and then red before use. Incidentally, a ethene cap is usually supplied in each box of developer to mitigate the risk of cutting your fingers on the glass, and the developer usually has to be shaken from the ampoule due to an air lock caused by the very narrow throat opening.

Neofin developer, marketed by R. Distributing, is supplied in two types—blue and red—the former being recommended for slow and medium speed films. High speed films should be developed in the red version. When using these developers you should increase the rated speed of the film so that exposure is reduced by 1-1½ stops.

The contents of one ampoule is diluted with water to 300-700 cm³ and although primarily intended as a one-shot developer, to be thrown away after the first film, it can be reused for one other subsequent film. Alternatively, one half the contents of the ampoule can be made up and the other stored for a short while after topping up the ampoule with water.

Developing times depend on the type of film, degree of dilution, processing temperature and which version of the developer is used. An instruction booklet is usually supplied with each box of ampoules, but a spare copy may be available from the distributor at Waterside, Chesham, Bucks.



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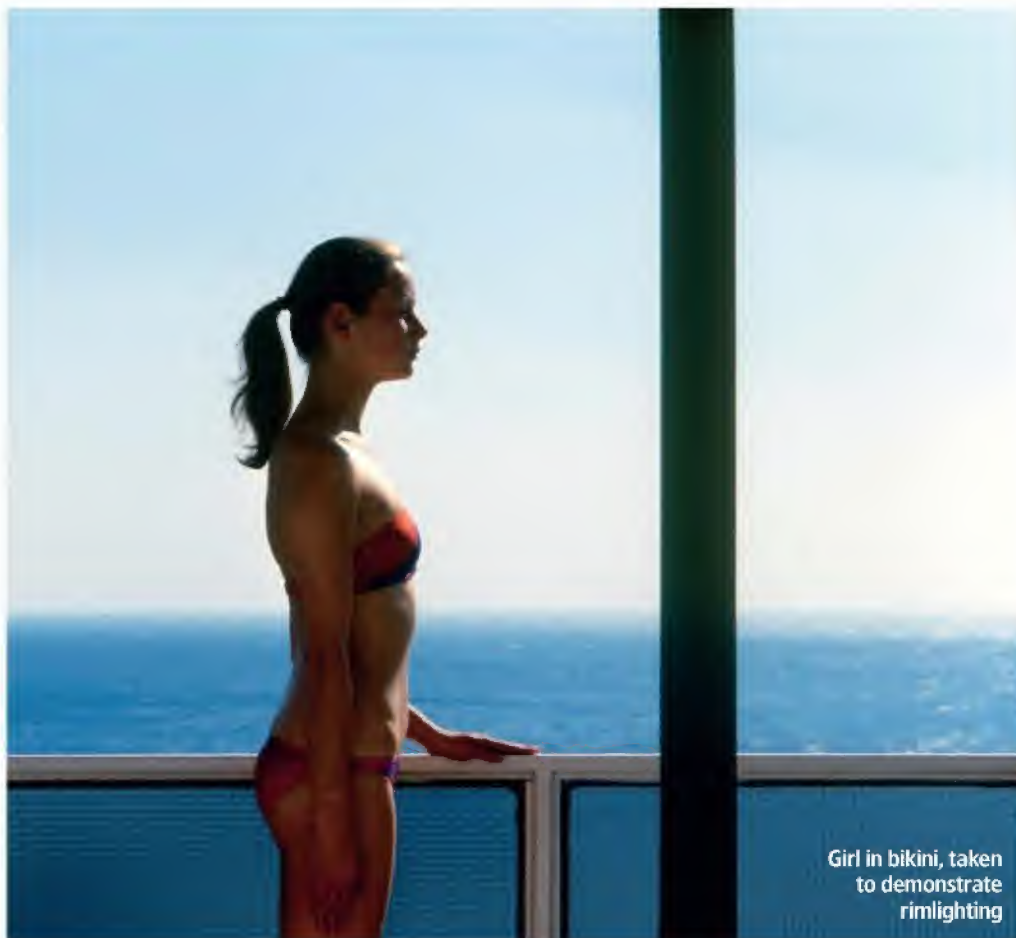
John Hedgecoe is the world's best-selling author of photographic technique books, has been an influential teacher and shot the world's most reproduced image. He talks to **David Clark** about his life and work

JOHN Hedgecoe's achievements in photography are legendary. He founded Britain's first photography course, at the Royal College of Art, and is now Emeritus Professor of that prestigious institution. He was also a prolific photographer in his own right, shooting everything from famous artists for broadsheet magazines to high-profile advertisements for the Milk Board. Along the way, he created the world's most reproduced image: the picture of the Queen on British and Commonwealth postage stamps.

However, John is most famous for being the world's best-selling author of photography technique books. He has published over 30 titles and has now sold a colossal nine million copies worldwide. Anyone taking up photography from the 1970s onwards is likely to have read one of his books, and found helpful guidance in John's clearly-written practical advice, copiously illustrated with his own inspirational images.

John is now 72 and has retired from teaching, though not from authorship. In 2006 he published *The Art of Digital Photography*, illustrated with photographs shot in 27 different countries over a two-year period. 'It was quite an undertaking, because I'm getting old,' he says. 'But I like travelling and meeting new people, so it was enjoyable to do.'

His devotion to photography began almost 60 years ago. After his father gave



Girl in bikini, taken to demonstrate rimlighting



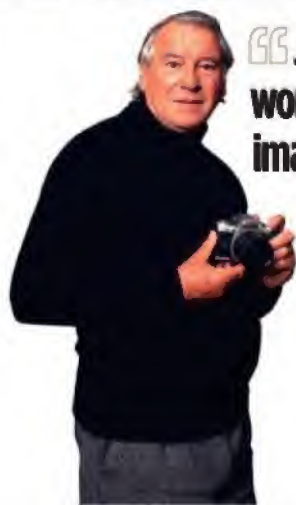
Composition created by the use of a multi-image filter

Celebrated poet
Philip Larkin, taken
at Hull University,
where he was the
librarian, in 1966



him a camera when he was 14, he set up a darkroom in the garage of his family home. His passion for the medium developed while he did National Service in the RAF and he afterwards studied photography as part of his course at the Guildford School of Art.

At around the same time he began writing articles for photographic magazines, including *Amateur Photographer*. His technique writing developed almost as a by-product of his photography; he found that he was more likely to have a picture published if he also wrote about it.



“John created the world’s most reproduced image: the picture of the Queen on British and Commonwealth postage stamps”

He got his first staff job on *Queen* magazine in 1957. ‘I was the only staffer, so I did it all really,’ he recalls. ‘I did a lot of photography and I also managed the darkroom. I even mixed all the chemicals, so I really got to know everything about the process from beginning to end.’

‘*Queen* was a great shop window for me, so it was relatively easy to also get freelance work on other publications, including the magazines of the *Sunday Times*, *Observer* and *Telegraph*.’ John shot every type of image used in these publications, including fashion,





architecture and landscape. He gained a particular reputation for his portraiture. His subjects in the 1960s and '70s included major writers and artists such as Francis Bacon, Ted Hughes, Agatha Christie, John Betjeman and David Hockney.

He was so highly regarded that in 1966 he was personally selected by the Postmaster General to photograph the Queen for a new set of postage stamps. John shot a series of profile images, from which the Queen selected her favourite. This image was then exactly reproduced as a plaster relief by the sculptor Arnold Machin. Finally, John photographed the plaster relief itself, against a black background. The image remains on UK and Commonwealth postage stamps to this day and has become the world's most reproduced image: it has been printed in excess of 200 billion times.

'It's strange to still see my photograph on

**Arnold Machin
plaster cast of
Queen Elizabeth
II, created from
a John Hedgecoe
portrait for a new
set of postage
stamps in 1966**

**Nude model with
body paint and
swirly background**

“I think in some ways photography has become too easy. Many people just let their cameras make all the creative decisions”

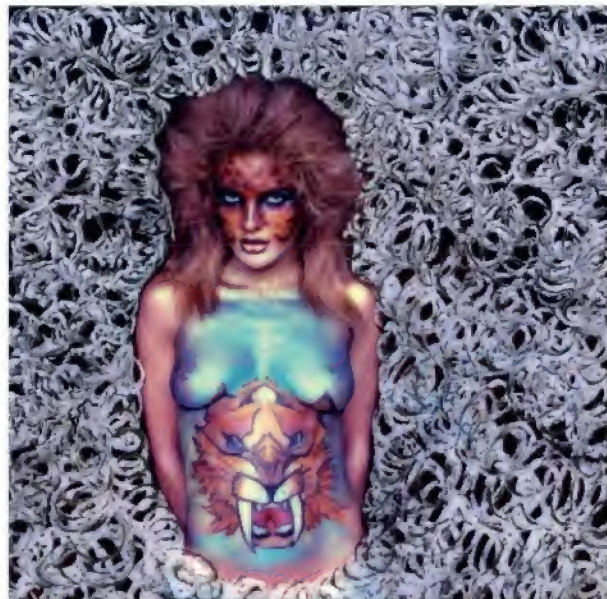
the stamps after all this time,' John reflects. 'I think they tried to do a new one some time ago, as they do on the coins, but the Queen said she preferred the existing one.' The story has an odd postscript. 'Some years after it was taken, the Post Office claimed that the image had been shot by Lord Snowdon,' John remembers. 'So I sued the Post Office, and I won.'

In 1965, John was asked to set up the first photography school at the Royal College of Art. From this point, although he combined teaching with numerous advertising assignments, his career turned towards instructing others in photography rather than becoming a famous photographer in his own right. He was the Head of Department and Reader in Photography at the Royal College from 1965-74 and his experience in teaching led directly to a new career direction – as a writer of photography manuals.

'I was approached by my friend Peter Kindersley, who was setting up a new publishing company,' John remembers. 'He wanted me to write a couple of books on photographic technique. Until then, most technique books had relatively few pictures, but we wanted to produce books that were different, ones that were illustrated throughout.' The result was *The Book of Photography* (1976), which was swiftly followed by *The Handbook of Photographic Techniques* (1977).

The books became a publishing phenomenon and together went on to sell over three million copies. Since then John has been prolific, publishing many more technique books. 'I think my years of experience of teaching were important when writing these books,' he asserts, 'because I knew the kinds of things that students asked about and always tried to anticipate and answer their questions.'

John has seen great developments in photography during his long career, but is ambivalent about the changes brought about by digital imaging. 'Digital has had both positive and negative effects,' he says.



'It has really opened up photography to a lot more people, and made it easier for people to produce good images. Photoshop is amazing, really, and a lot of the pictures taken by amateurs are as good as those shot by professionals.'

'However, I think in some ways photography has become too easy. Many people don't really know how to operate a camera and just let it make all the creative decisions. In the past, you had to work hard to get a really good image, but now it's so much easier and that makes it much more difficult to be unique. Technology has made it less of a challenge and I think that has taken some of the magic and mystery out of photography.'

Nevertheless, John continues to enjoy working in the medium to which he has devoted his life. Undeterred by his age, he tells me that he's currently working on a new book, though admits he doesn't shoot so often these days. Meanwhile, his extensive archive is gradually being scanned and made available for commercial use by the TopFoto agency.

When asked if he regrets not becoming more recognised as a famous photographer in his own right, John says, 'No, not at all. I've enjoyed the variety of things I've done. Looking back, I'm very happy that so many people have liked and enjoyed my books, and hopefully learned to do something they hadn't done before.' **AP**

John's most recent book, *The Art of Digital Photography*, is published by Dorling Kindersley, priced £16.99. You can see more of his photographs on the TopFoto website, www.topfoto.co.uk



Pouring liquid into a cut glass (above), and Waterskiing (left) both demonstrate the effect of a high shutter speed

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Richard Sibley finds out how easy it is to combine digital imaging with a simple chemical printing process

IT has been a while since I mixed any chemicals in the darkroom, so the thought of using a chemical process derived from those used more than 150 years ago was a little intimidating.

Thankfully, Fotospeed's argyrotype process was developed in 1991 by Mike Ware, and is based on the argentotype process that was itself developed in 1842. Nevertheless, few amateur photographers are likely to relish the prospect of finding and using the raw chemicals for the process. Fortunately, the Fotospeed Argyrotype Process Kit contains everything you need to make your own argyrotype prints; all you need to do is add water.

Using an inkjet printer and the supplied Fotospeed Digital Contact Film, I was able to create an A4 digital negative to make my own argyrotype print. Being able to digitally alter and retouch an image, before making a negative to use in a chemical printing process, is a great way of combining the best of old and new photographic techniques. What's more, there's no need to use a darkroom.

Making a print

My first attempt was surprisingly successful, although it lacked some contrast due to underexposure. Attempts number two and three were better, as I doubled the exposure time because of the overcast conditions. What fascinated me most was being able to use a computer, software and the transparency film to make a large contact print – something previous generations were never able to do.

While the prints produced may not necessarily be works of art, it is a great way to understand basic photographic printing principles, and it should keep any inquisitive photographer – child or adult – amused for hours. **AP**

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How to make an argyrotype print



1 First you need to coat the supplied acid-free art paper with the sensitising solution. Rollers are provided to do this, but you can also use a paintbrush or, as I have done, cotton wool. Coating the paper can be done under tungsten light, but avoid sources of UV light, such as sunlight.



2 Using image-editing software, transform a digital image into black & white and make any necessary Curves adjustments. Now invert it so that it is a negative image and print this onto the supplied transparency film using an inkjet printer.



3 Once the coated paper has dried, take your digital negative transparency and place it on top of the paper. Cover the two with glass to press them flat together and leave under a UV light source, such as the sun, for around 7-10 minutes. You should see the colour of the paper start to change to brown before your eyes.



4 After the exposure has taken place, the image needs to be washed under running water for around five minutes. The print should then be fixed with the supplied sodium thiosulphate for three minutes. Finally, wash the image under running water for another few minutes to remove any excess solution.

125 years of readers' letters

AP was founded on correspondence between photographers, and has never strayed from airing the views of its readers, whose concerns have remained remarkably consistent throughout the years. **Damien Demolder** reports

ON the outside at least, photography and the world of photographers has changed enormously in the 125 years that AP has been published. In 1884 we had only just got over the trauma of the wet-plate process, while now the electronic age brings us pictures instantly without chemistry or even water. Most cameras were slow to use and heavy to move around, while today pocket-sized models can capture ten images in a second. It is true of course that the equipment we use today seems hardly to be for the same purpose as that used by our first readers, but it doesn't take very long delving through our archives to see that actually photography, and particularly the concerns of enthusiast photographers, is very much the same as it ever was. In broad terms we have faced the same issues for the last 1¼ centuries; it's just that the details of those issues alter according to the date.

Format wars

Our pages are often occupied by the important discussions surrounding the benefits of one photographic format over another. Currently, the concentration rests on how digital photography is the work of the Devil in the eyes of some and the Holy Saviour in the eyes of others. We talk round in circles for the most part, but the exercising of the positive and negative points of any new technology has always played a crucial role in the way readers educate and inform each other. Just last week, in AP 3 October,

Kevin Allan questioned the rate of upgrading necessary to stay up to date with digital SLRs, saying that his 44-year-old Canon FX still takes sharp pictures. 'Can we be confident that today's digital SLRs will be usable in 40 years' time, or even in five years?' he asks.

The arguments were equally heated with the introduction of autofocus and autoexposure, as well as when the 35mm film format started to become popular with enthusiasts. How could such a miniature format provide usable quality compared alongside the roll and sheet films of 'serious' amateurs? Of course, depending on the date, miniature formats could either be 35mm, or before that, what we would now consider medium format.

'In spite of the magnificent results obtainable with miniature cameras, they are pre-eminently suitable for close-up work, but do not give the quality obtainable with larger instruments when photographing landscapes,' wrote CGMH, in the 8 July 1936 issue, in response to a question posed by the editor, FJ Mortimer, regarding readers' ideal cameras.

In the same issue Derek Surtees says '...only last week I came to the conclusion that just such a camera would be ideal. Most serious photographers prefer the quarter plate camera.'

More problems are brought up in our 26 August 1936 issue, when a reader called CHWK (not everyone had proper names in 1936 it seems) wrote a letter entitled, *A miniature*

September 4, 1911.



THE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOGRAPHIC NEWS, 52, Long Acre, London. "Query" or "Criticism" on the outside. Queries should be written on one side.

for very thin negatives.

Pyr

8mm Camera Runs

SIR,—Mr. T. H. Slater, who deplored the shortness of 8mm camera runs, should take a look at the Sankyo 8.Z, some models of which are still on the market second-hand at half price. This camera has a full range of speeds, auto or manual, exposure control, a superb 10-30mm lens, back-wind, geared footage counter, T.V. speed (which has proved excellent), folding grip, power and manual zoom (which did not appeal to me at first, but now I wouldn't be without it) and last, but not least, a 45-second run at 16 f.p.s. This I have always found sufficient, and I use approximately 50 films a year.

Dewlish.

EDWARD P. BAKER.

Upside Down

SIR,—I have always been puzzled as to why no manufacturer has yet produced a camera in which the image of the focussing screen is the right way up. Although I have had many years' experience in using a stand camera, I am still unable to compose the image on the screen as well as I should if I were standing on my head.

I appreciate that the reflex camera is partly the answer, except for the low viewpoint attained with it. Why does not somebody produce a lens with an extra component which will give a correct view to the photographer? Telescopes and binoculars are adjusted in this way, so why not a camera lens? Perhaps some expert will explain.

Yours, etc., LEONARD TAYLOR.

Exchange of Colour Slides

SIR,—I should be very pleased if you could...

16-on-120

SIR,—Mr. Tinker has the same views as myself about 35mm! I advise him to try and buy a second-hand 16-on-120. I am sure he would live happily ever after. With my Baby Bessa I've always been a happy snapper. It has all the movements Mr. Tinker wants.

Bearstead.

A. MAXTED.

Unfair to Women

I have not burnt my bra nor joined Womans Lib, but I feel hopping mad. Are women not expected to be interested in photography? The advertising for the Yashica TL Electro F2 (AP, June 13) suggests that it is only men who are interested. The cheek of it!

I get the same treatment in some shops. When one enquires about a camera the look on the assistant's face plainly says "poor dear, here we go again!" and out comes the simplest Instamatic or a very ordinary S.L.R. If I go in with my husband, they actually start talking to him (and he, bless him, only knows that you press a lever — somewhere). But give him his due, he always says "It's the wife who's interested, not me".

Why this presumption that it's a man's world in photography? It's not and won't be. Why not a ladies-only competition or exhibition? We'd show them!

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The trouble is most women don't have the cash to spare for equipment — any money over goes on shoes for little Willy — but when (like me) they go back to work they will start looking at hobbies and surely it is about time photographers realized this and stopped treating us as a joke.

Letchworth.
Phyllis Lidgitt.

PHOTOGRAPHER.

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RETOUCHING.

SIR.—I cannot refrain from again noticing your correspondent's letter in your journal of last week, on the above subject. I had no idea, when writing you, that my scalping knife was as sharp as it has proved. Albeit, Mr. C. W. Crossley seems to have felt its effects somewhat keenly; but since he has again trespassed on the hunting grounds, I seize my tomahawk, daub on the paint; and—On Guard!

Learn, most valiant warrior who has never tried to retouch, East, and our Crossley at home, everyone's nose, that all there. All ye, who are the lucky possessors of pimples, cover them up lest ye be robbed of them by the magic art, for truly they are Nature's blessings, and must be protected. Hide your faces ye landscape gardeners, etc., etc., and pervert Nature no longer. Your rakes, spades, etc., and shears must be cast to the dust, the hedgerows assume Nature's aspect, and the foliage trail forth in rich though wild profusion. We have erred and knew it not.

Faithfully yours,
CHAS. D. BRADSHAW.

camera danger, in which he said, 'One cannot fail to admit that the modern miniature camera is a marvel of ingenuity and precision, but because of its comparatively tiny image, there is a great temptation to work far too near to the subject, especially when dealing with "close-ups"; portraiture, for instance, and certain genre subjects. Thus, in conjunction with the short focus lenses normally fitted, the foreshortening effect may be quite pronounced.'

As is often the case nowadays, it has been usual that, after a lengthy discussion, letter writers conclude that, of course, it is not the kit that matters, but the end result. Such a voice of reason was M Chimley who, on 28 February 1987, had been an AP reader for only one year. He won £10 from editor Barry Monk with his letter of the week, *The Pleasure Principle*, which stated, 'For the past few months I have been spectator to an on-going battle between readers claiming their type of photography to be the best. First came the battle between colour and monochrome, and then readers suddenly decided to throw their Minolta 9000s into the bin and punch [pin]holes in old shoeboxes. Now we've been told certain styles of landscape photography, and all glamour photography, is rubbish. Ah! And we must not forget the confrontation between formats.'

'As far as I can see there are two basic functions of photography: for the photographer to enjoy it and for the photographer and/or the public to enjoy viewing the resultant image.'

My favourite format versus format battle came in 1924–25, in a transatlantic discussion between An Old Time Naturalist and Mr J Armitage. This argument was not about one film format against another, or even plates vs film, or digital vs film, but about wood cuts vs photography! 'I remember years ago, when photographs from nature were just 'coming in' that I regarded the innovation with pleasure. An old friend of mine, now dead, a great naturalist, one day expressed his disgust by saying that he had never seen more wooden illustrations than were now becoming fashionable. At the time I thought him an old fogey, an opponent of any new ideas; but I have long since learned that he was, in the main, right. The illustrations in our books are a disgrace.' Photography will never catch on!

Photography in public

I suppose it's nice to know that even in 1925 photographers were facing interference in the street, though I suspect not quite on the scale of today. A bus driver and the conductor tried to stop someone using the name

X from photographing the scene of a bus crash, and they demanded his name and address. X was worried the proceedings could be brought against him 'if I sent the picture to any of the newspapers'. AP's reply of the time is exactly that which would be given today: 'You need not worry about such threats, and they would have no basis for any proceedings. You did well to take advantage of the opportunity; and have just as much right to be on a public road taking photographs, so long as you do not create an obstruction, as they have with a bus, overturned or otherwise.'

We've been fighting for photographers' rights for as long as I've been on AP, but it seems the battle has been going on for a while longer. The famous 'Photography is not banned' AP cover was published on 18 October 1939.

A note on old age

People often express a sense of surprise on discovering that AP is a weekly magazine (how can you write about photography every week?) and are then struck dumbfound when finding out the magazine is so old. This isn't a new phenomenon. Even in 1987, readers were amazed that AP had been running so long. *Like good wine* is a letter from the 28 February issue. This was the week after AP's news pages had covered Canon's announcement of the EOS 650 and the completely new, non-backward compatible EOS system.

R D'Eye, from Preston, wrote, 'I have been taking AP for a number of years, but never stopped to think how long it has been running. I was somewhat surprised therefore, when browsing through an old book on photography (*Photography for Novices* by Percy Lund, 1902) to find a full-page advert for AP. A then current cover was depicted, with the lines "Biggest, Brightest, Best — more illustrations, pages, information, competitions and prizes than any other paper." It also showed a lady in a crinoline using a camera. The lines are still apt today but the lady was rather more clothed than present cover-girls.'

'The price was tuppence weekly so, if the average weekly wage was, say, £2, the cost of AP as a percentage of the average weekly wage has hardly changed over the years. But AP is now in colour, has more pages, more information and articles and must be even better value for money than it was 85 years ago. I will now look on my copies of AP with greater reverence!'

That week AP was 124-pages, but you had to wade through a total of 29 pages of adverts before you got to the content. I wonder what Mr D'Eye would think of today's AP. **AP**

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AP's oldest reader

At the age of 88 and after reading AP for more than 70 years, **Cyril Pursey** could well be our longest-serving reader. **Angela Nicholson** chatted to him about his love of photography



We get quite a few letters, emails and phone calls from people claiming to be AP's oldest reader, so as our 125th anniversary drew close we decided to try to find out who has that honour. Our appeal for older readers to get in touch drew quite a bit of attention, but a call from Cyril Pursey saw him take the lead at 88 years old and more than 70 years of reading the magazine. After a brief chat on the telephone, I arranged to visit Cyril at his Somerset home to find out a bit more about him and his photography.

Extra cash

Cyril's interest in photography was sparked in his early teens when, following a conversation on the subject, his dentist loaned him a camera. He became a regular AP reader shortly after.

Though a teacher by profession, Cyril was able to turn to photography for extra income. After the Second World War the *Western Gazette* used to pay him 14s 8d (around 73p) for every picture of his they used, and at one point the editor asked for every picture he could send. Cyril told me

One of Cyril's many scrapbooks detailing his photographic successes

that he used to buy the paper each Friday and count how many of his images had been used to calculate his fee.

Competition winner

Cyril has also fared well in competitions, scooping more prizes than he can remember, although a couple in particular stand out. In 1961, for instance, a black & white winter landscape of Butleigh Moor, Somerset, won him a staggering sum of £500 (equivalent to around £19,000 today) from *She* magazine, while in 1985 Cyril won a two-week luxury cruise for two on board P&O's *Sea Princess*. AP was Cyril's primary source of information about competitions and he used to read these listings first.

'Photography has been a wonderful hobby for me,' Cyril says. 'I've met some lovely people and I've been really lucky'. When quizzed about his cameras, Cyril is a little vague, saying that he has used (and won) many over the years, but the Canon T90 was a firm favourite that he still uses occasionally. He adds: 'The camera isn't important, though; you've got to see the image'. How true. **AP**

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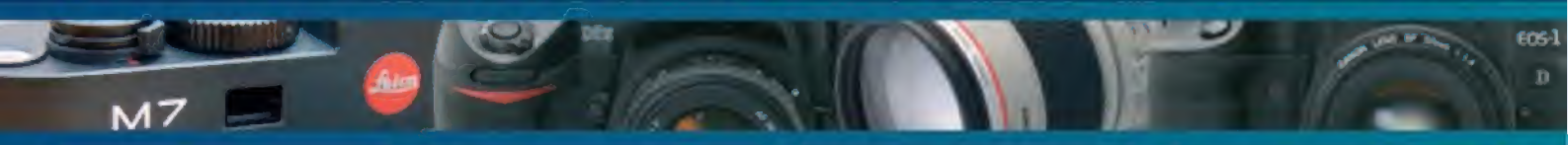
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EF-S 55-250mm IS **£219.99**
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£119.00	£44.49	£29.35	£44.03	£89.00
AC-E5	CA-PS400	CA-S70	ACK-E2	RS-B0N3
£24.49	£20.99	£21.49	£169	£19.99
Angle Finder C	EP-EX15	RF EF	DiagSeries	CUP-EF
£119.00	£10.07	£8.31	£7.99	£22.99
EW-1000mm	EH-19L	IFC-4500D		
£39.99	£36.69			
OSKE3	BP511	CB-SL	CA-PS400	CA-S70
£149.49	£179.99	£89.49	£44.03	£105
OSKE3	RC-S	CB-S70	RS-B0N3	TCB0N3
£179.99	£20.99	£36	£44.49	£129
Angle Finder C	EP-EX15	RF EF	DiagSeries	CUP-EF
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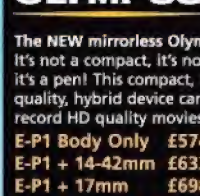
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20mm f1.8 EX DG	£478.99	or £20 mth
24mm f1.8 EX DG	£398.99	or £17 mth
28mm f1.8 EX DG	£322.99	or £14 mth
30mm f1.4 EX DC HSM (62mm)	£388.99	or £16 mth
50mm f2.8 EX DG Macro (Canon Fit)	£238.99	or £10 mth
50mm f1.4 EX DG HSM (Sigma Fit)	£358.99	or £15 mth
70mm f2.8 EX DG Macro	£382.99	or £16 mth
105mm f2.8 EX DG Macro	£383.99	or £16 mth
150mm f2.8 EX DG Macro	£564.99	or £23 mth
180mm f3.5 EX DG Macro	£724.99	or £30 mth
300mm f2.8 EX DG HSM	£2179.99	or £89 mth
500mm f4.5 EX DG HSM	£7788.99	or £154mth
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17-70mm f2.8-4.5 DC	£246.99	or £10 mth
18-50mm f3.5-5.6 DC (Four Thirds Fit)	£73.99	
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18-200mm f3.5-6.3 DC OS	£287.99	or £12 mth
18-250mm f3.5-6.3 DC OS HSM	£448.99	or £19 mth
24-70mm f2.8 EX DG Macro	£427.99	or £18 mth
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28-300mm f3.5-6.3 DC MACRO	£249.99	or £11 mth
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55-200mm f4-5.6 HSM (Nikon Fit)	£399.99	
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120-400mm f4.5-5.6 APO DG OS HSM	£597.99	or £25 mth
150-500mm f5-6.3 APO DG OS HSM	£727.99	or £30 mth
200-500mm f2.8 EX DG	£1939.99	or £78mth
300-800mm f5.6 EX DG APO HSM	£2723.99	or £295mth
2.0x APO DG Teleconverter	£218.99	or £9 mth
1.4x APO DG Teleconverter	£184.99	
NEW! 60mm f2 Macro	£524.99	or £22 mth
90mm SP Di Macro	£334.99	or £14 mth
180mm f3.5 AF SP Di	£694.99	or £29 mth
300mm f2.8 AF SP (Canon Fit)	£2449.99	or £100mth
10-24mm f3.5-4.5 Di II LD ASP IF	£379.99	or £16 mth
17-50mm f2.8 AF XR Di-II LD ASP IF	£328.99	or £14 mth
18-200mm f3.5-6.3 AF XR Di II	£157.99	
18-250mm Di II	£348.99	or £15 mth
NEW! 18-270mm f3.5-6.3 Di II VC LD IF Macro	£448.99	or £19 mth
28-75mm f2.8 SP AF Di	£348.99	or £15 mth
28-80mm f3.5-5.6 AF	£93.99	
28-200mm f3.8-5.6 AF XR Di ASP IF	£249.99	or £11 mth
28-300mm AF XR Di	£299.99	or £13 mth
28-300mm AF VC Di	£499.99	or £21 mth
55-200mm f4.5-6.5 AF Di II LD Macro	£104.99	
70-200mm f2.8 SP Di (Canon Fit)	£459.99	or £19 mth
70-200mm f2.8 SP Di (Nikon/Sony/Pentax)	£594.99	or £25 mth
70-300mm f4.5-6.5 AF Di LD Macro 1:2	£123.99	
200-500mm f5-6.3 SP AF Di	£854.99	or £35 mth
16mm f2.8 Fisheye	£547	or £23 mth
20mm f2.8	£427	or £18 mth
28mm f2.8	£177	
NEW! 30mm f2.8 SAM Macro DT	£149	
35mm f1.4G	£1049	or £43 mth
50mm f1.4 AF	£282	or £12 mth
NEW! 50mm f1.8 SAM	£134.99	
50mm f2.8 AF Macro (D)	£407	or £17 mth
85mm f1.4 ZA Planar T*	£1047	or £43 mth
100mm f2.8 Macro AF (D)	£496	or £21 mth
135mm f2.8 STF	£847	or £35 mth
300mm f2.8G	£2428	or £174mth
500mm f8 Reflex	£518	or £22 mth
11-18mm f4.5-5.6 DT AF (D) Lens	£467	or £19 mth
16-80mm f3.5-4.5	£548	or £23 mth
16-80mm f3.5-4.5 ZA V5 T* DT	£547	or £23 mth
16-105mm f3.5-5.6	£427	or £18 mth
18-70mm f3.5-5.6 AF (D) Lens	£127	
18-200mm f3.5-6.3 DT AF (D) Lens	£388	or £16 mth
18-250mm f3.5-6.3	£427	or £18 mth
24-70mm f2.8 Z-A	£1209	or £53 mth
NEW! 28-75mm f2.8 SAM	£599	or £25 mth
55-200mm f4.5-6.5	£177	
70-300mm f4.5-5.6 G	£667	or £27 mth
75-300mm f4.5-5.6 AF (D) Lens	£177	
14mm f2.8 SMC DA ED IF	£517.99	or £21 mth
40mm f2.8 DA SMC	£355	or £15 mth
50mm f1.4 FA	£160	
50mm f2.8 DA FA Macro SMC	£448.99	or £19 mth
70mm f2.4 DA	£484	or £20 mth
100mm f2.8 DA FA Macro SMC	£529	or £22 mth
10-17mm f3.5-4.5 DA Fisheye	£469.99	or £20 mth
12-24mm f4 DA ED AL IF	£518.99	or £22 mth
16-45mm f4 DA ED AL SMC	£292.99	or £12 mth
16-50mm f2.8 DA* ED	£634	or £24 mth
17-70mm f4 AL DA IF SMC	£528	or £14 mth
18-35mm f4.5-5.6 SMC FA J	£175.19	
18-55mm MKII DA	£169.99	
18-55mm f3.5-5.6 AL WR	£179.99	
18-250mm f3.5-6.3 DA	£391.99	or £16 mth
50-135mm f2.8 DA* ED	£914.99	or £38 mth
50-200mm f4.5-6.5 ED AL WR	£199.99	
55-300mm DA	£294	
NEW! 60-250mm f4 ED IF SMC	£1149	or £47 mth
8mm f3.5 Fisheye	£677.99	or £28 mth
25mm Pancake Lens	£197.99	
35mm f3.5 Macro	£197.99	
50mm f2 Macro ZUIKO ED	£443.99	or £18 mth
7.14mm f4 ZUIKO Digital	£1347	or £55 mth
NEW! 9-18mm f4.5-5.6 ZUIKO ED	£1738	or £71 mth
11-22mm f2.8-3.5 ZUIKO Digital	£739	or £30 mth
12-60mm ED f2.8-4.0 SWD	£827.99	or £34 mth
NEW! 14-35mm f2.0 SWD ZUIKO Digital	£1738	or £71 mth
14-42mm f2.8-3.5 ZUIKO Digital	£218.99	or £9 mth
14-54mm f2.8-3.5 ZUIKO Digital	£423.99	or £18 mth
18-180mm f3.5-4.5	£417.99	or £17 mth
35-100mm f2.0	£1894.99	or £77 mth
50-200mm ED f2.8-3.5 SWD	£989.99	or £41 mth
40-150mm Zuiko Digital ED MK2 f4.5-6	£237.99	or £10 mth
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55-200mm f4.5-6.5	£177	
70-300mm f4.5-5.6 G	£667	or £27 mth
75-300mm f4.5-5.6 AF (D) Lens	£177	
Canon or Nikon Fit only:		
35mm f2.8 AT-X PRO DX AF Macro	£349	or £15mth
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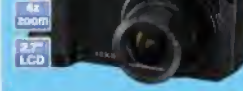


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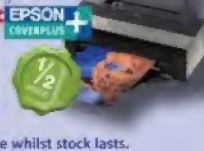
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The P-Type square/rectangular filter system consists of three parts:
1) An adapter ring that screws onto the front of your lens
2) A filter holder clips onto the ring
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P-Type Adapter Rings	
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A smooth cushioned filter wallet, to protect and store up to 8 P-Type filters	
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We also stock Z-Pro (100mm) and A-Type (67mm) filters, holders and adapter rings

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Neutral Density filters have a multitude of uses - from increasing detail in landscapes and reducing over-exposed skies, to creating stunning motion scenes by reducing shutter speeds. Here's a kit which includes all the popular ND filters, and everything you need to get started! The kit contains: 1x ND2 Filter, 1x ND2 Soft Graduated Filter, 1x ND4 Filter, 1x ND4 Soft Graduated Filter, 1x P-Type Filter Holder, 1x P-Type Adapter Ring of your choice (49-82mm). Just £39.95 - saving £6 on the individual prices.	£39.95

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67mm Rubber Hood	£4.89
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This double-axis spirit level simply mounts onto the hot shoe of any standard SLR or DSLR camera.	
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SCREW-TYPE FILTERS

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Japanese Optical Glass Filters
Coated to reduce lens flare and reflections.

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Used both to protect the lens of your camera, and to absorb ultraviolet rays that can cause photos to appear hazy.	
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More sizes in stock, from 24 to 89mm!	
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Skylight Filters	
These filter in a very similar way to a UV filter, but have a pinkish tinge to add a gentle warmth to your photos.	
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55mm Skylight	£7.82
58mm Skylight	£8.80
62mm Skylight	£9.78
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Inverted Dome Pro Flash Diffuser Set

Comprising a clear vinyl body that simply slips onto the head of the flash gun, and an inverted frosted dome that clips onto the front.

In addition to diffusing the flash directly hitting your subject, the inverted dome spreads light evenly through the sides of the clear vinyl body, lighting up the surrounding environment, thus producing a natural soft daylight effect. Especially useful for shooting interiors and portraits, and is a firm favourite with wedding photographers.

Supplied with four domes - natural, yellow, amber and blue, giving you a full range of natural, cool, or warm-up tones. Available in four sizes, to fit the heads of most flash guns.



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Size 1: 62-65 x 39-42mm Nikon SB600, SB800, etc
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Bounce Flash Diffuser

These popular, simple concave plastic diffusers simply fit onto the front of your flash gun, creating a diffused beam but effect with even coverage. Huge range available for Canon, Nikon, Sony, Olympus, Pentax, Metz & Nissin. Below is just a sample of the range available:

380: (for Canon 380EX)
420: (for Canon 420EX)
430: (for Canon 430EX, 430EXII)
580: (for Canon 580EX, 580EXII)
600: (for Nikon SB600)
800: (for Nikon SB800)
900: (for Nikon SB900)



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Camera Built-in Flash Diffuser Set

A flash diffuser that slots onto the camera hotshoe, and mounts a contoured diffuser plate in front of the built-in flash on SLR cameras. Not compatible with Sony cameras.

Temp adjustable, and supplied with neutral, amber, and blue diffuser plates.



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RING FLASH

Marumi DRP14 Ring Flash

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In a glowing report in the June 2009 issue of *Photo Plus* magazine, the Marumi Ring Flash was described as "great value" and was ranked above two other ring flash units costing in the region of £300!



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Available in Nikon Fit, with TTL metering and Canon Fit, with E-TTL and E-TTL II metering.

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Nissin Di622 Speedlite (GN:44)

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Available in Nikon Fit, with TTL metering and Canon Fit, with E-TTL and E-TTL II metering.

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Nissin Di866 Speedlite (GN:60)

The Nissin Di866 Professional Flashgun is an extremely powerful flashgun (guide number of 60m/ISO100) with an easy to read LCD panel, making this advanced unit very easy to use. Designed for use with Canon and Nikon digital SLRs, the Nissin Di866 fully supports Canon's E-TTL and Nikon's i-TTL functionality with the option for full manual overrides. Covering a range of focal lengths from 24-105mm and including a secondary 1/2 in flash unit, the Nissin Di866 is the flashgun professionals have been waiting for. A built in USB port means updates can be downloaded via an internet connection.

Available in Nikon Fit, with TTL metering and Canon Fit, with E-TTL and E-TTL II metering.

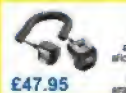
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An incredibly useful Universal Flash Shoe Cord, with a 1.5m coiled cable, allowing off camera flash photography. It has a multiple pin configuration, allowing it to retain full TTL compatibility between camera and flash on Canon, Nikon, Fujifilm, Pentax and Samsung DSLRs. The TTL shoe which fits to the main camera body features a secondary hot shoe enabling you to attach 2 flash units, one on the top of the camera and another off to the side.



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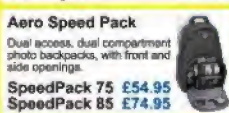
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A unique design of sling backpack that opens away from your body for even faster access to your gear!

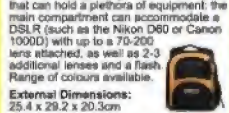
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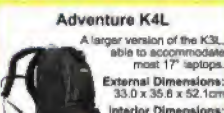


Adventure K3L

A spacious camera section at the bottom, separate daypack section at the top, and dedicated 15.4" laptop compartment behind.

Hidden rain cover, tripod carrying system, padded shoulder, waist and chest belts. Far too many features to list!

External Dimensions: 30.5 x 36.8 x 48.3cm
Internal Dimensions: 28.0 x 3.8 x 35.5cm
Camera Compartment: 16.5 x 29.2 x 15.2cm



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Adventure K4L

A larger version of the K3L, able to accommodate most 17" laptops.

External Dimensions: 33.0 x 35.8 x 52.1cm
Internal Dimensions: 33.0 x 3.8 x 40.8cm
Camera Compartment: 19.0 x 29.8 x 17.8cm

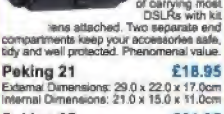


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Sahara 115F

A shoulder bag large enough to take a 15.4" laptop.

External Dimensions: 44.5 x 31.8 x 26.6cm
Internal Dimensions: 36.2 x 26.7 x 13.3cm

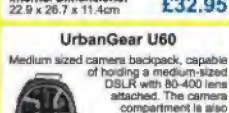


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UrbanGear U30

The U30 is a lightweight camera backpack that can hold a plethora of equipment. The main compartment can accommodate a DSLR (such as the Nikon D60 or Canon 1000D) with up to a 70-200 lens attached, as well as 2-3 additional lenses and a flash. Range of colours available.

External Dimensions: 25.4 x 29.2 x 20.3cm
Internal Dimensions: 22.9 x 26.7 x 11.4cm

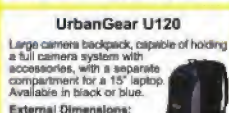


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UrbanGear U60

Medium sized camera backpack, capable of holding a medium-sized DSLR with 80-400 lens attached. The camera compartment is also removable. Available in black or blue.

External Dimensions: 30.5 x 26.0 x 19.0cm
Internal Dimensions: 26.7 x 24.8 x 12.7cm

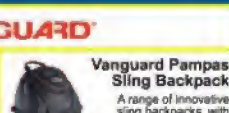


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UrbanGear U120

Large camera backpack, capable of holding a full camera system with accessories, with a separate compartment for a 15" laptop. Available in black or blue.

External Dimensions: 44.5 x 31.8 x 26.6cm
Internal Dimensions: 36.2 x 26.7 x 13.3cm



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Internal Dimensions: 21.0 x 15.0 x 11.0cm

Peking 25 £21.95
External Dimensions: 34.0 x 23.0 x 15.0cm
Internal Dimensions: 25.0 x 17.5 x 12.0cm



Vanguard Pampas Sling Backpack

A range of innovative sling backpacks, with day pack at the top and separate camera section at the bottom. The bag sits comfortably on your back, and when needed, it revolves round to your front for easy access to your camera, without having to take the bag off.

Pampas 37 £29.95
External Dimensions: 34.0 x 21.5 x 21.5cm
Internal Dimensions: 17.0 x 19.0 x 13.0cm

Pampas 57 £39.95
External Dimensions: 44.5 x 24.0 x 22.0cm
Internal Dimensions: 30.0 x 22.0 x 15.0cm



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Sekonic L208 TwinMaster

Analogous, incident and reflected, ambient light only.

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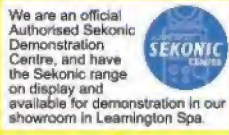
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Kata 3-N-1 Sling

This unique range of bags provides three carrying options in one, morphing from sling to backpack and back again quickly and easily by use of its quick release buckles.

In sling position, the bag easily swings around from back to front to achieve quick draw access to your main camera and lenses.

In backpack position you can comfortably carry your equipment for long distance walking when needed. The included chest belt and balancing hip strap helps take the load of your heavy equipment off your shoulders.

Arrange your equipment in the bottom main compartment of the pack taking full advantage of the modular dividers to custom fit the bag to your exact equipment.

The large top compartment will hold personal gear or additional gear, and the internal pockets and MP3 player pouch will allow you to organize your personal effects as efficiently as your photographic gear. Two external pockets allow quick zippered access to accessories without opening the main compartments. The included rain cover folds neatly away into an integrated pocket and can be hung out to dry on the small buckle next to the handle, or tucked away for storage in one of the pockets.



Left Sling Mode Backpack Mode Right Sling Mode

Kata 3-N-1 10 £63.95
External Dimensions: 41.0 x 22.0 x 16.5cm
Internal Dimensions: 28.5 x 19.0 x 15.0cm

Kata 3-N-1 20 £71.95
External Dimensions: 44.0 x 23.5 x 19.0cm
Internal Dimensions: 31.5 x 22.0 x 16.0cm

Kata 3-N-1 30 £86.95
External Dimensions: 45.0 x 32.0 x 19.0cm
Internal Dimensions: 32.0 x 29.5 x 16.0cm

Kata DPS Digital Rucksack

The Kata DPS Digital Rucksack gives top level protection to two DSLRs with mounted lenses, 3-4 lenses, a flash, as well as your personal items. The rucksack can be converted from a camera bag into a daypack when not shooting by removing the padded bottom camera insert. When used as a camera bag, the main compartment will hold your DSLR in a top grip position while the modular dividers system separates, organises and protects your lenses, flashes and other accessories. There is an included rain cover which folds neatly away, and an ergonomic chest belt and balancing waist strap for maximum comfort while transporting your gear.

DPS 465 £51.95 DPS 466 £59.95 DPS 467 £67.95



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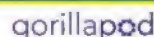
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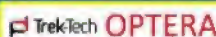
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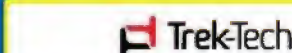


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Trek Tech was formed in 2004 after the founders identified a market need based on personal outdoor experience - the need for a sturdy, lightweight, multi-purpose device with the functionality of both a tripod and trekking pole/hiking staff. The result is the TrekPod, a lightweight, height-adjustable, trekking staff, with a fully integrated tripod, and a magnetic quick-release ball head system called the MagMount. The unique MagMount quick release system incorporates a Neodymium "super magnet" as the initial connection between the ball head and a steel quick-release plate, called a MagAdapter, that screws into the bottom of your camera. A safety clip that stores below the ball head securely locks your device to the MagMount ball head. Each MagMount ball head is supplied with two MagAdapter quick release plates.

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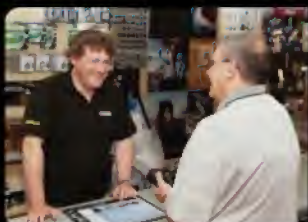
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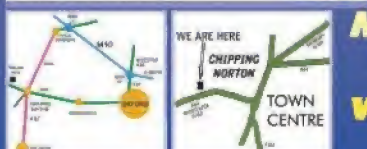
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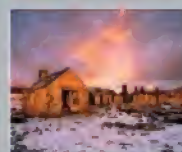
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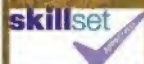


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P*LUS ça change, plus c'est la même chose.* The more things change, the more they stay the same. We owe this *aperçu* to the resplendently-named Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr (1808–1890), sometime editor of *Le Figaro*. It is true of photography in general, and of AP in particular. When AP was founded in 1884 the vast majority of the technology for today's film cameras already existed, though there was still plenty to be discovered and many connections to be made. For discoveries, we might cite dye sensitisation (Traube, 1902) and chromogenic development (Siegrist and Fischer, 1912), both essential for integral subtractive colour films (Mannes and Godowsky, 1935).

For making connections, we could cite coating 'dry-plate' silver halide emulsion (Maddox, 1871) on flexible film (Goodwin, 1887), though Melhuish and Spencer had made a paper 'roll-film' holder as early as 1854. Or working out how, during the Second World War, to make hard lens coating a commercial reality.

The thing is, there are still patents for film and film-related technologies, to say nothing of optics, being granted today: there is no such thing as a fully mature technology. For further proof, consider that most Victorian of machines, the bicycle – and then consider carbon fibre frames and titanium metalwork.

We may assume, then, that while the most of the technology of digital imaging exists today, there are many things yet to be discovered, and plenty of connections yet to be made. One need only cite slood. What is slood? Don't know: it hasn't been discovered yet. For that matter, a couple of days before I wrote these words, I was talking to a research physicist about room-temperature superconductivity. His view was that it is only a matter of time. This will make an huge difference to a vast number of electronic devices, as will molecular data storage.

Yet, the fascinating thing is that this is simultaneously utterly relevant, and completely irrelevant, to all of us as photographers. We will go on taking pictures for the reasons we have always done – and even these are not always what they might seem. Despite the common cry of, 'It's the picture, stupid,' I can think of at least two other reasons to take pictures.

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The other is photography-as-sport. Go out for a walk, take some pictures. You get physical and mental exercise, and you enjoy yourself.

The thing is that although we will go on taking pictures for the same reasons, we will have many more options in how we take them. That's an important point: options. Change for the sake of change is

not compulsory, at least in photography. We can still use film, or coat our own glass plates, or even make daguerreotypes if we want. We can shoot in colour, or black & white; we can print wet, or dye-sub, or inkjet. Photography is a broad church, and for 125 years, AP has been the photographer's Book of Common Prayer.

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Those among them who are not completely inflexible may also come to understand that actually, none of it matters all that much: it's just photography, not life and death. And so, my children, pax vobiscum, peace be with you. **AP**

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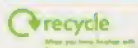
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